

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 71

MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 1986

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER:** Mr Bowen (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) would be absent during question time.
  - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
    - Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—1st Report, for period 24 October 1984 to 30 June 1985.
    - Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
      - Book production, dated 20 December 1985 (No. 377).
      - Pharmaceutical products (penicillin bounty), dated 11 December 1985 (No. 376).
  - 5 **PAPER:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:
    - Copy of extract from the Melbourne *Herald* of 31 January 1986 headed "No amnesty for the cheats, says Howe".
  - 6 **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 Division of Richmond and certain residents of Queensland, respectively, praying that the total ban on entertainment expenses be abandoned and tax deductibility be allowed for legitimate and necessary expenses.
    - Mr Blunt and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Fisher, respectively, praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.
    - Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland and certain residents of the Shire of Caboolture, Qld, respectively, in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
    - Mr Blunt and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Fisher, respectively, praying that depreciation be allowed on all buildings used to produce rental income.
    - Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
    - Mr Blunt and Mr Slipper—from certain citizens and certain residents of the Division of Fisher, respectively, praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
    - Mr Cobb and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Divisions of Parkes 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 Dobie and Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the regulation requiring a licence fee to operate a marine band radio be rescinded.

Mr McArthur 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 assets test legislation be repealed and that certain other action be taken in relation to retirement incomes policy.

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 Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.

Mr Cobb—from certain citizens praying that the decision to resume land in the Orange, Bathurst, Mudgee and Cobar areas, NSW, for military purposes be abandoned and no site be chosen which includes productive, agricultural or pastoral land.

Mr Fife—from certain citizens 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 in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

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

Mrs Kelly—from certain members of the Lao community in Canberra praying that the release of Lao refugees detained in Thai camps be negotiated and certain other action be taken to aid the migration of Lao refugees to Australia.

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 McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the Government uphold the Articles of the UN Convention on Women and request the Victorian Government to repeal the *Planning (Brothels) Act 1984*.

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

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

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

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Shire of Caboolture, Qld, praying that the funding of child care in the shire be given special consideration and certain other action be taken in relation to child care funding.

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 1985 tax proposals outlined in the Government's White Paper be rejected.

Mr Webster—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 Young—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the slaughter of brumbies in north Queensland be stopped.

Petitions received.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—OIL PRICES AND INTEREST RATES:** The House was informed that Mr Carlton had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The urgent necessity of passing on to consumers and producers the full effect of the drop in world oil prices as a major contribution towards reducing Australia’s crippling level of interest rates”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Carlton addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr MacKellar presented the following report from the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform:

Electoral Reform—Joint Select Committee—Report No. 1—Determining the entitlement of federal Territories and new States to representation in the Commonwealth Parliament, dated November 1985, incorporating a dissenting report and extracts of the minutes of proceedings, together with the transcript of evidence—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 9 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 1 AND 2 (1986):** Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 (1986).

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

- 10 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, moved—That Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 5 to 9 (1985), constituting part of order of the day No. 152, government business, be discharged.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 Spender 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 expresses its deep concern at the Government’s failure to support and defend the independence and the integrity of the office of Director of Public Prosecutions against political and public attacks against the Director calculated to bring the Director, the office he holds and the administration of justice into disrepute”.

Debate continued.

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

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

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Andrew*	Mr Drummond	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr Everingham	Mr Macphee	Mr Slipper
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Dr Watson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Mr Hodges	Mr Reith	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Jull	Mr Robinson	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher	
Mr Conquest	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock	

\* 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.

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 Bowen (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made: Clause 8, page 3, lines 33 and 34, omit paragraph (b).

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

- 12 **PROTECTION OF MOVABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE 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 Campbell addressing the House—

- 13 **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.

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**PAPER:** The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 17 February 1986: States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States, dated 10 February 1986.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Burr, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hawke, Mr McVeigh and Mr Shack.

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