

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 86

MONDAY, 14 APRIL 1986

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement for February 1986.
 - Australian Safeguards Office—Report for 1984-85.
 - Superannuation Act—Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Financial statements for 1984-85—Further report by the Auditor-General pursuant to paragraph 161 (2) (d), together with a statement relating to the report.
- 4 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Grace, Mr Hollis, Mr Kent, Mr Price and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the Government of Sri Lanka be persuaded to pursue a political solution to allow the Tamils to live in peace and dignity and certain other action be taken to aid the Tamils.
 - Mr Free, Mr Grace, Mr Gorman and Mr Price—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.
 - Mr Blunt, Mr Hicks and Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Page praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.
 - Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr J. J. Brown, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Lee—from certain citizens praying that the standard pension be raised to 25% of average weekly earnings and certain other action be taken to assist pensioners and low income earners.
 - Mr Fife, Mr Hodges and Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.
 - Mr T. A. Fischer and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Farrer in the same terms and from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in similar terms, respectively, to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Blunt and Mr Slipper—from certain citizens and from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the 1985 tax proposals outlined in the Government's White Paper be rejected.
 - Mr Blunt—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 Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that a bi-partisan commitment to world-wide nuclear disarmament be made.

- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the world oil parity pricing policy be adhered to and the full flow on of the drop in world oil prices be given to the Australian public and business sector.
- 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 Braithwaite—from certain electors of the Division of Dawson praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill not be passed.
- Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission Bill not be enacted until a referendum has been held.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Fife—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- 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 Queensland and of the Division of Fisher in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain residents of the Division of Mallee praying that the proposed capital gains tax legislation be introduced without delay and that it be rejected.
- 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 Kent—from certain citizens praying for official recognition of the African National Congress and the South West Africa Peoples Organisation and that certain other financial and humanitarian support be given to the South African and Namibian people.
- Mr Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Mr McGauran—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr Maher—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 Nehl—from certain citizens and from certain electors of the Division of Cowper praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill and associated bills be rejected, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission be abolished and ratification of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights be withdrawn.
- 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 measures be taken to reduce the burden of imposed costs and regulation on Australian horticultural growers.
- Mr Slipper—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be restored to their former level.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Somerset Dam, Qld, praying that an additional public telephone be made available at Somerset Dam or the present one be resited.
- 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 home loan interest rates be tax deductible.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that means be sought for the protection of the people's interests to reverse the decision to hand Ayers Rock over to an Aboriginal Land Council.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the assets test be reconsidered.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the total ban on entertainment expenses be abandoned and tax deductibility be allowed for legitimate and necessary expenses.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.
- Mr Staples—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 Staples—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of a compulsory identification card be rejected.
- 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.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that Australia use its influence to establish a nuclear test moratorium and comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.

Petitions received.

- 5 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
11 April 1986—Message No. 235—Trade Practices (Transfer of Market Dominance) Amendment 1986.
- 6 **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Mr Maher to be a member of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs in place of Mr Price.
- 7 **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m., or such time thereafter as Madam Speaker may take the Chair.
Question—put and passed.
- 8 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ORGANISED CRIME:** The House was informed that Mr Spender had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "Public concern about the Government's haphazard, mismanaged and superficial approach to combatting organised crime".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Spender addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 9 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS BILL 1985—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 175:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of Message No. 175 from the Senate.

In the committee

Debate resumed on the Senate's message and on the motion moved by Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs), viz.—That the amendments requested by the Senate be not made.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Holding, the House adopted the report.

Mr Holding moved—That, in the message returning the Bill to the Senate, the Senate be informed that their requests for amendments would be acceptable to the House in the form indicated in Schedule C if proposed in conjunction with certain amendments also indicated in Schedule C.

The Schedule reads as follows:

SCHEDULE C

<i>No. of related Senate request or amendment of 28.11.85</i>	<i>Amendment</i>	<i>To be effected by</i>
—	(1) Clause 2, page 1, line 7, omit "on 5 December 1985", substitute "on a date to be fixed by Proclamation".	Amendment
—	(2) Clause 5, page 7, line 13, after sub-clause (11) add the following sub-clause: “(12) In this Act, a reference to a person, or a unit of the Defence Force, that was allotted for duty in an operational area shall be read as a reference to a person, or unit of the Defence Force— (a) that was so allotted for duty in accordance with administrative arrangements applicable in the part of the Defence Force in which the person was serving, or of which that unit formed a part, as the case may be; or (b) that is, by an instrument in writing signed by the Minister for Defence, deemed to have been allotted for duty in an area described in item 4 or 8 in Schedule 2 during the period specified in that item.”.	Amendment
—	(3) Clause 6, page 9, lines 27 to 43, omit paragraphs (5) (a) and (b), substitute the following paragraphs: “(a) shall be taken to have commenced— (i) if the person was in Australia on the day as from which the person was allotted for duty in that area—on the day on which the person departed from the last port of call in Australia for that service; or (ii) if the person was outside Australia on the day as from which the person was so allotted for duty; and (b) shall be taken to have ended at the expiration of— (i) if the person was allotted for duty from an operational area to another area outside Australia (not being an operational area)—on the day on which the person arrived at that other area or on the day as from which the person was allotted to that other area at a time when the person was in that other area; or (ii) in any other case—on the day on which the person arrived at the first port of call in Australia on returning from operational service.”.	Amendment
—	(4) Clause 34, page 39, line 14, after "served" insert "on the person".	Amendment

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Senate Req 1	(5) Clause 35, page 40, lines 21 and 22, omit “, before 1 September 1957,”.	Request
—	(6) Clause 47, page 61, line 41, omit “dependent”, substitute “dependant”.	Amendment
—	(7) Clause 47, page 61, line 42, omit “dependent on”, substitute “dependant of ”.	Amendment
—	(8) Clause 47, page 63, line 14, after sub-clause (12) insert the following sub-clause: “(13) On and after 1 May 1986, paragraph (3) (a) shall be read as if ‘\$520’ were omitted and ‘\$624’ were substituted.”.	Amendment
Senate Reqs 2 to 6	(9) Clause 68, pages 87 and 88, omit the definition of “defence service” from sub-clause (1), substitute the following definition: “‘defence service’ means— (a) continuous full-time service rendered as a member of the Defence Force on or after 7 December 1972 and before the terminating date; and (b) in the case of a person who— (i) was rendering continuous full-time service as a member of the Defence Force immediately before the commencement of this Act; (ii) continued so to render continuous full-time service until and including the day immediately before the terminating date; and (iii) was, immediately before the terminating date, bound to render continuous full-time service as such a member for a term expiring on or after the terminating date, includes the continuous full-time service rendered by the person as a member of the Defence Force on and after the terminating date and before— (iv) the expiration of that term or, if that term is deemed to have been extended by sub-section (4), (5) or (6), the expiration of the extension of that term; or (v) the lawful termination of the person’s service as a member of the Defence Force otherwise than by reason of the expiration of the term for which the person is bound to serve, whichever occurs first, but does not include any period of peacekeeping service;”.	Request
	(10) Clause 68, page 89, line 13, after the definition of “peacekeeping service” in sub-clause (1) add the following definition: “‘terminating date’ means the date fixed by Proclamation for the purpose of this definition, being a date not earlier than the date of commencement of an Act establishing a Military Compensation Scheme.”.	Request
	(11) Clause 68, page 89, line 34, omit “the commencement of this Act”, substitute “the terminating date”.	Request
	(12) Clause 68, page 89, line 37, omit “after the commencement of this Act”, substitute “on or after the terminating date”.	Request
	(13) Clause 68, page 90, lines 3 and 4, omit “the commencement of this Act”, substitute “the terminating date”.	Request
	(14) Clause 68, page 90, line 5, omit “after the commencement of this Act”, substitute “on or after the terminating date”.	Request

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Senate Reqs 2 to 6	(15) Clause 68, page 90, line 17, omit "the commencement of this Act", substitute "the terminating date".	Request	
	(16) Clause 68, page 90, line 20, omit "after the commencement of this Act", substitute "on or after the terminating date".	Request	
	(17) Clause 68, page 90, line 33, add the following sub-clause: "(7) Sub-sections (4), (5) and (6) do not apply to a person who was bound to render continuous full-time service as a member of the Defence Force immediately before the terminating date unless the person— (a) was so rendering continuous full-time service immediately before the commencement of this Act; and (b) continued so to render continuous full-time service until and including the day immediately before the terminating date."	Request	
	(18) Clause 69, page 90, line 35, omit "Subject to sub-section (2)", substitute "Subject to this section".	Request	
	(19) Clause 69, page 90, line 38, omit "commencement of this Act", substitute "terminating date".	Request	
	(20) Clause 69, page 91, lines 1 and 2, omit paragraph (b), substitute the following paragraph: "(b) is serving in the Defence Force on or after the terminating date and has so served continuously since a date before that date,".	Request	
	(21) Clause 69, page 91, line 6, omit ", being service that ended".	Request	
	(22) Clause 69, page 92, line 8, add at the end of sub-clause (2) "unless, under sub-section (1), this Part would apply to the person by reason only of his or her having rendered that further period of service".	Request	
	(23) Clause 69, page 92, line 8, after sub-clause (2) insert the following sub-clause: "(2A) Where a person renders continuous full-time service as a member of the Defence Force at some time after the commencement of this Act and before the terminating date but has not so rendered continuous full-time service continuously from and including the day immediately before the date of commencement of this Act to that time, sub-section (1) does not apply in respect of the person unless— (a) the person completes 3 years' effective full-time service as such a member before the terminating date; or (b) the person's service as a member or officer of the Defence Force is terminated as provided by paragraph (1) (d) or (e), whichever is applicable, before the terminating date."	Request	
	Senate Amdts 1 to 4	(24) Clause 84, page 111, lines 28 to 35, omit sub-clauses (6) and (7), substitute the following sub-clause: "(6) Subject to section 93, where a person, other than a person included in a prescribed class of persons, is provided with treatment under section 87 or 88, the person is liable to pay to the Commonwealth in respect of that treatment— (a) unless paragraph (b) applies—charges in accordance with a scale of charges determined by the Commission, by instrument in writing, being charges based on charges payable for treatment as private patients in public hospitals in Australia; or	Amendment

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	(b) if the person is not ordinarily resident in Australia—the cost (as determined by the Commission by instrument in writing) of and incidental to that treatment.”	
Senate Amdt 5	(25) Clause 102, page 130, line 22, after sub-paragraph (5) (a) (i) insert the following sub-paragraphs: “(ia) the Cross of Valour; “(ib) the Star of Courage;”	Request
Senate Amdts 6 to 8	(26) Clause 105, page 132, line 18, after sub-clause (3) insert the following sub-clause: “(3A) Where a scheme prepared by the Commission in accordance with sub-section (1), or an instrument under sub-section (2), has been approved by the Minister, the Commission shall furnish copies of the scheme or instrument to the Minister, and the Minister shall cause copies to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the Minister received those copies.”	Amendment
Senate Amdt 9	(27) Clause 110, page 139, line 32, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 10	(28) Clause 110, page 139, line 34, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 30	(29) Clause 114, page 142, line 40, after clause 114, insert the following new clause in Part VI: Review of decision, &c. “114A. (1) Subject to sub-section (2), a person who is dissatisfied with a decision of the Commission in respect of an application for— (a) clothing allowance; (b) funeral benefits under section 99, 100 or 101; (c) decoration allowance; (d) Victoria Cross Allowance; (e) recreation transport allowance; (f) temporary incapacity allowance; or (g) loss of earnings allowance, may request the Commission, in writing, to review the decision, and, where such a request is duly made, the Commission shall review the decision, or cause the decision to be reviewed by a person to whom the Commission has delegated its powers under this section (not being the person who made the decision). “(2) A request under sub-section (1) to review a decision of the Commission shall set out particulars of the grounds on which the request is made, and may be made within 3 months after service on the person to whom the decision relates of notice of the decision, but not otherwise. “(3) Where the Commission reviews a decision under sub-section (1), the Commission may affirm or set aside the decision and, if it sets aside the decision, it shall make such other decision as it considers to be in accordance with this Act. “(4) Where the Commission makes a decision, in substitution for the decision set aside, granting an application for an allowance specified in sub-section (1), it may approve payment of the allowance as from a date not earlier than the date as from which the Commission could have approved payment of the allowance if it had made the substituted decision in place of the original decision.	Amendment

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	“(5) Sections 60 and 62 apply to a review under this section in like manner as they apply to a review under section 59 and, for the purpose of their application to a review under this section— (a) references in sections 60 and 62 to section 59 shall be read as references to this section; and (b) references in section 60 to a review shall be read as references to a review under sub-section (1) of this section. “(6) A reference in sub-section (1) to a decision in respect of an application for funeral benefits under section 99 shall be read as not including a reference to a decision of the Commission to grant, or refuse to grant, an approval of a kind referred to in paragraph 99 (3) (a), (b), (c) or (d).”	
Senate Amdts 11 to 13	(30) Clause 116, page 144, line 3, after sub-clause (3) insert the following sub-clause: “(3A) Where a scheme prepared by the Commission in accordance with sub-section (1), or an instrument under sub-section (2), has been approved by the Minister, the Commission shall furnish copies of the scheme or instrument to the Minister, and the Minister shall cause copies to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the Minister received those copies.”	Amendment
Senate Amdt 16	(31) Clause 127, page 152, line 13, omit “within the period and in the manner”, substitute “within a reasonable period and in a reasonable manner”. (32) Clause 127, page 152, line 17, omit “within the period and in the manner”, substitute “within a reasonable period and in a reasonable manner”. (33) Clause 127, page 152, line 21, omit “on a date, and at a time and place”, substitute “on a reasonable date and at a reasonable time and place”.	Amendment Amendment Amendment
Senate Amdt 17	(34) Clause 131, page 153, line 23, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 18	(35) Clause 131, page 153, line 36, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 19	(36) Clause 131, page 153, line 41, omit “as the Commission considers reasonable”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 20	(37) Clause 131, page 154, line 1, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 21	(38) Clause 131, page 154, line 6, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 22	(39) Clause 131, page 154, lines 10 and 11, omit “as the Commission considers reasonable”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 23	(40) Clause 131, page 154, line 12, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 24	(41) Clause 131, page 154, line 16, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 25	(42) Clause 131, page 154, lines 19 and 20, omit “as the Commission considers reasonable”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 26	(43) Clause 131, page 154, line 21, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 27	(44) Clause 131, page 154, line 31, omit “as the Commission determines”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment
Senate Amdt 28	(45) Clause 131, page 154, lines 35 and 36, omit “as the Commission considers reasonable”, substitute “as are prescribed”.	Amendment

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Senate Amdt 29	(46) Clause 131, page 155, line 10, omit "as the Commission determines", substitute "as are prescribed".	Amendment
—	(47) Clause 131, page 155, line 32, omit "tha", substitute "that".	Amendment
—	(48) Clause 131, page 155, line 36, after "59" insert ", 114A".	Amendment
—	(49) Clause 174, page 175, line 9, after sub-clause (3) add the following sub-clause: "(4) Where the Commission, under section 114A, affirms a decision of the Commission in respect of an application for an allowance or benefit referred to in sub-section 114A (1), or sets aside such a decision and substitutes another decision for it, then, subject to section 29 of the <i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975</i> , application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a review— (a) of the decision so affirmed; or (b) of the decision made by the Commission under section 114A in substitution for the decision so set aside."	Amendment
Senate Amdt 30	(50) Clause 176, page 177, line 42, after sub-clause (5) add the following sub-clause: "(6) Where the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, upon application under sub-section 174 (4) for a review of a decision made by the Commission with respect to an application for an allowance under section 97, 102, 103 or 104, grants the allowance referred to in that section, or increases the rate at which the allowance so referred to is to be paid, the Tribunal may approve payment of the allowance, or of the allowance at the increased rate, as the case may be— (a) if the application was made within 3 months after service on the applicant of a document setting out the terms of that decision—from a date not earlier than the earliest date as from which the Commission could, if it had not made that decision, have approved payment of the allowance, or payment of the allowance at the increased rate, as the case may be; or (b) in any other case—from the date on which the application under sub-section 174 (4) was made."	Amendment
Senate Amdt 32	(51) Clause 206, pages 198 and 199, omit the clause.	Amendment
Senate Amdts 33 to 35	(52) Clause 208, page 200, line 42, omit "make", substitute "knowingly make".	Amendment
—	(53) Clause 208, page 201, line 8, omit "obtain", substitute "knowingly obtain".	Amendment
Senate Amdts 33 to 35	(54) Clause 208, page 201, line 11, omit "obtain", substitute "knowingly obtain".	Amendment
—	(55) Clause 208, page 201, line 15, omit "obtain", substitute "knowingly obtain".	Amendment
—	(56) Clause 208, page 201, line 18, omit "make", substitute "knowingly make".	Amendment
Senate Amdt 31	(57) Clause 215, page 204, line 17, omit "this section", substitute "sub-section (1)".	Amendment
—	(58) Clause 215, page 204, lines 20 and 21, omit "4 December 1985", substitute "the day immediately preceding the date fixed under section 2".	Amendment
—	(59) Clause 215, page 204, line 23, omit "5 December 1985", substitute "the date fixed under section 2".	Amendment

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Senate Amdt 31	(60) Clause 215, page 204, line 23, after sub-clause (3) add the following sub-clauses: “(4) The Principal Member of the Board shall, as soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, prepare and furnish to the Minister a report on the operations of the Board during the year that ended on that 30 June. “(5) The Minister shall cause a copy of a report furnished to the Minister under sub-section (4) to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the day on which the Minister receives the report. “(6) The first report to be prepared and furnished to the Minister under sub-section (4) shall be a report on the operations of the Board— (a) under the <i>Repatriation Act 1920</i> in respect of the period that commenced on 1 July 1985 and ended on the day immediately preceding the date fixed under section 2; and (b) under this Act in respect of the period that commenced on the date fixed under section 2 and ends on 30 June 1986.”.	Amendment

Question—put and passed.

- 10 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985—GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider Message No. 115 from His Excellency the Governor-General (*reported 11 February 1986, see page 675*).

In the committee

AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED

- (1) Clause 2, page 1, line 9, omit “5 December 1985”, insert “a day to be fixed by Proclamation”.
- (2) Clause 3, page 2, line 8, omit “5 December 1985”, insert “the day fixed by Proclamation under sub-section 2 (1)”.

On the motion of Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Holding, the House adopted the report.

- 11 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 1986*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Holding presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 127, dated 1 April 1986, 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 Holding, the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—TAXATION BUILDING, BRISBANE—REFURBISHMENT:** 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: Refurbishment of taxation building, Brisbane.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CENTRE, ST LEONARDS, NSW:** 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 new Resource Management Centre, St Leonards, NSW.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY COUNCIL BILL 1986:** 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)—

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

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

* Tellers

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

Adjournment negatived: It being past 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

15 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY COUNCIL (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS)

BILL 1986: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.10 p.m., Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m., or such time thereafter as Madam Speaker may take the Chair.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 April 1986:

Fisheries Act—

Notices, Nos. 164, 165.

Plan of Management—No. 4—Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan (Amendment).

Public Service Act—Determination—1986—No. 19.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 65.

Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendment No. 42.

Telecommunications (General)—Amendment No. 48.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andrew, Mr Connolly, Mr Cowan, Mrs Darling, Mr Everingham, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jull, Mr Keating, Mr Milton, Mr Punch and Mr Wilson.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives