

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 91

WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 1986

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 24, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.
 Clauses 25 to 27, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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- The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
- 3 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT 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 Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
 - 4 **CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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 Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time. (*see* entry No. 17).
 - 5 **OIL COMPANIES (STOCK LOSS REIMBURSEMENT) 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.

Mr McGauran addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

6 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Papers: Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) presented the following papers:

Mr R. G. Groux—Copies of letters from—

Mr J. J. Brown, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism, to Mr L. Donnelly, dated 15 October 1985.

Dr J. Cheffers, Executive Director, Australian Institute of Sport, to Dr E. Klein, Senior Private Secretary to the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism, dated 30 September 1985.

Mr L. Donnelly to—

Mr J. J. Brown, dated 8 October 1985.

Mr R. G. Groux, dated 1 October 1985.

Friday, dated 30 September 1985.

Questions without notice continued.

Papers: Mr J. J. Brown presented the following papers:

Mr R. G. Groux—Copies of letters from—

Mr J. J. Brown to Mr R. G. Groux.

Mr R. G. Groux, Ministerial Consultant, Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism, to Mr J. J. Brown, dated 20 September 1985.

Questions without notice continued.

Paper: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia), in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Hawke (Prime Minister)—

Mr Hawke laid upon the Table the following paper:

Mr R. G. Groux—Summary of points made by Ms Stephanie Forgie, Office of the Attorney-General, to Prime Minister, Canberra, Monday, 26 August 1985.

Questions without notice concluded.

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Canberra Commercial Development Authority—10th Report, for 1984-85.

Outlook for the aviation industry—Information paper by the Department of Aviation, dated March 1986.

8 YOUNG AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Dawkins (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Youth Affairs) presented the following papers:

Young Australia—Report by Office of Youth Affairs—

Part A—Background to reform.

Part B—Priority One in progress.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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 REPATRIATION HOSPITAL SYSTEM—REVIEW—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented the following paper:

Repatriation hospital system—Review—Statement by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 OVERSEAS VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning his recent visit to Washington, London, Brussels, Rome and Athens.

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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

Mr Beale, Mr Brumby, Mr Lee and Mr Sharp—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 Beale, Mr Halverson, Mr Hunt and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that no cut backs be made to the portfolio of Veterans' Affairs and certain action be taken to assist ex-servicemen and women.

Mr Beale, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr McArthur and Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Free and Mr Grace—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.

Mrs Jakobsen 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.

Ms McHugh and Mr Tickner—from certain residents of New South Wales and certain residents of Sutherland Shire, NSW, respectively, praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights.

Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that any capital gains tax legislation be rejected.

Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.

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.

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 Hollis—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 Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the proposed adoption of a flat rate family allowance be reconsidered.

Mrs Jakobsen—from certain citizens praying that all foreign warships be refused entry to Australian ports.

Mr Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.

Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance of 1983 be repealed.

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

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

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 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 assets test be reconsidered.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that means be sought for the protection of the people's interest to reverse the decision to hand Ayers Rock over to an Aboriginal Land Council.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.

Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that anti-monopolisation measures and certain other action be taken to assist price control.

Petitions received.

- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX:** 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 continuing uncertainty over the Government's tax package, its damage to the whole Australian community and its failure to provide tax relief to low and middle income families".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Carlton addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 **STATES GRANTS (EDUCATION ASSISTANCE—PARTICIPATION AND EQUITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science), for Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Act 1983*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 14 **STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science), for Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1984*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 15 **STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science), for Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 16 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1982*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 17 **CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986—SECOND AND THIRD READINGS—RESCISSION OF RESOLUTIONS:** The Deputy Speaker having drawn the attention of the House to the fact that a Minister had not moved that the Customs Administration (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 1986 be read a second time prior to the House agreeing to the second and third readings of the Bill (*see* entry No. 4)—

Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, moved—That the resolutions of the House this day on the Customs Administration (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 1986 be rescinded and the order of the day for the second reading be called on.

Question—put and passed.

- 18 **CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) moved—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 Jones, the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM BILL 1986:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Australian National Maritime Museum.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 20 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TRADE PRACTICES REVISION BILL 1986:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 241

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make various amendments of the law relating to trade practices*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. MCCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 30 April 1986

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 21 **OIL COMPANIES (STOCK LOSS REIMBURSEMENT) 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 134, dated 17 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 Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE (INTERIM PROTECTION) AMENDMENT 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.

Member named and suspended: The Deputy Speaker (Mr McLeay) named the honourable Member for the Northern Territory (Mr Everingham) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the honourable Member for the Northern Territory be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kent	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Scott*
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hayden	Mr Maher	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr Mildren	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	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 Jenkins	Mr Mountford	

NOES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hawker	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith
Mr Andrew*	Mr Conquest	Mr Hodges	Mr Robinson
Mr Beale	Mr Cowan	Mr Hodgman	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Drummond	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Burr	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Everingham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Slipper
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Dr Watson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Millar	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Halverson	Mr Peacock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 7.08 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Mr Maher addressing the House—

23 ADJOURNMENT: It being 7.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Deputy 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 30 April 1986:

Customs Act—Notice—1986—No. 3.

Defence Act—Determinations—1986—

No. 18—Overseas Rental and Utilities Allowance.

No. 19—Education Assistance Overseas and Complementary Allowances Payable to Member Serving on Duty Overseas.

No. 21—Child Allowance and other allowances.

Excise Act—Notice—1986—No. 4.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1986—Nos. 17, 24.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Campbell, Mr Cunningham, Mrs Darling, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Hurford and Mr Wilson.

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A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives