

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 92

THURSDAY, 1 MAY 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 **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.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Keating	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kent	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	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 Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hayden	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mrs Mayer	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Howe	Mr Mildren	Mr Wright
Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Mr Dubois	Mr Jacobi	Mr A. A. Morris	

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted* for third reading to be moved forthwith.

- Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 3 **SEX DISCRIMINATION (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—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) 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 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.
- 5 **PAPER:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:
 Commissioner of Australian Federal Police—Note relating to a preliminary report to Prime Minister on certain investigations.
- 6 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Paper: Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) presented the following paper:
 Statements relating to Mr R. G. Groux in the *Canberra Times* of 30 April and 1 May 1986—Copy of statutory declaration by Anthony William Luchetti, dated 1 May 1986.
 Questions without notice continued.
Papers: Mr J. J. Brown presented the following papers:
 Mr R. G. Groux—Copies of—
 Letter from Mr G. G. Glenn, Acting Chairman, Public Service Board, to Mr J. J. Brown, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism, dated 29 May 1985, together with an attachment.
 Minute from Claire Luckett, Director, Pay (General) Branch, Public Service Board, to Chairman, Public Service Board.
 Questions without notice concluded.
- 7 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
 Central Land Council—5th Report, for 1984-85.
- 8 **ALLEGED TELEPHONE INTERCEPTIONS—FINAL REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:
 Alleged telephone interceptions—Final report of Royal Commission of Inquiry—Volume 1, dated 30 April 1986.
 Mr Bowen, by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the final report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into alleged telephone interceptions—Volume 1.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr Bowen, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and presented the following paper:
 Alleged telephone interceptions—Final report of Royal Commission of Inquiry—Ministerial statement, 1 May 1986.

Mr Bowen moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Mr Bowen, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

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

9 **PAPERS:** Mr Uren (Minister for Local Government and Administrative Services), during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:

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

Mr J. J. Brown, Minister for Administrative Services, dated 13 February 1984, to—

Senator Evans, Attorney-General.

Mr Staples, MP.

Senator Evans, Attorney-General, dated 22 December 1983, to—

Mr J. J. Brown, Minister for Administrative Services.

Mr Staples, MP.

Mr Staples, MP, to—

Mr J. J. Brown, Minister for Administrative Services, dated 17 January 1984.

Senator Evans, Attorney-General, dated 17 November 1983.

Mr Uren (Minister for Local Government and Administrative Services) to Mr Bowen, Attorney-General, dated 25 March 1985.

10 **PHOTOGRAPH:** Mr I. M. D. Cameron, by leave, presented a photograph of Aboriginal children at Ernebella Homeland, SA.

11 **PAPER:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, presented the following paper:

Mr T. E. Walton and Hon. J. S. Dawkins—Copy of letter from Kroger & Kroger, Barristers and Solicitors, to Mr Braithwaite, MP, dated 1 May 1986.

12 **AUSTRALIA CARD—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Porter, by leave, made a statement concerning premature disclosure in *The Australian* of 1 May 1986 of certain aspects of the proposed report of the Joint Select Committee on an Australia Card.

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

Mr Baldwin, Mr Beale, Mr Cobb, Mr Jones, Mr Macphee, Mr Reith and Mr Snow—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, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr McArthur, Mr Reith, Mr Saunderson and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Beale, Mr Hunt and Mr Reith—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 Blunt, Mr Nehl and Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond, Cowper and Page, respectively, praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.

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

Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Jull—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 Kent and Mr Milton—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 Milton and Mr Scott—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 Beale—from certain citizens praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that any capital gains tax legislation be rejected.
- 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 depreciation be allowed on all buildings used to produce rental income.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain electors of the Division of Dawson praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill not be passed.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that proclamation of the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be delayed until a referendum has been held.
- Mr Carlton—from certain citizens praying that the right to work be acknowledged and protected and that certain other action be taken to protect workers.
- Mr Cobb—from certain residents of the Division of Parkes in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Grace—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.
- 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 a television translator be erected to improve the reception of the Brisbane SBS UHF television station.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the proposed adoption of a flat rate family allowance be reconsidered.
- Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that housing interest rates be reduced.
- Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that interest rates of building societies not be allowed to rise.
- Mr Mildren—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Constitution be reformed in order to recognise significant public expressions of concern.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that Australian aid to the Sudan be increased substantially and that certain other action be taken in relation to aid to northern Africa.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that sufficient funds be allocated to the Australia Council to ensure ongoing funding of State arts councils.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that no form of broadly based indirect or consumption tax be levied but that gift and death duties and certain other taxes be imposed.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens 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 Nehl—from certain residents of the Division of Cowper praying that the superannuation claim of the trade union movement be rejected and superannuation be allowed to develop without trade union domination.

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

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

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that importation of cobalt 60 and other radioactive substances be banned and regulations permitting irradiation of food in Australia be disallowed.

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

Mr Tickner—from certain residents of Sutherland Shire, NSW, praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights.

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

Petitions received.

- 14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICY:** The House was informed that both Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Hand had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, Madam Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Howard, namely, "The need for new economic policy direction, including greater flexibility in Australia's wages and industrial relations system, to overcome the crisis in Australia's international competitiveness and balance of payments".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 15 **SEX DISCRIMINATION (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—

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 135, dated 17 April 1986, 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.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Spender moved the following amendment: Pages 2 and 3, omit the Schedule, substitute the following Schedule:

**“SCHEDULE
AMENDMENTS OF ACTS**

Section 2

Banking (Transitional Provisions) Act 1959

Sub-section 20 (2)—

Omit the sub-section, substitute the following sub-section:

'(2) An officer appointed to the Reserve Bank Service under this Part shall not, except for incapacity or misconduct, be retired or dismissed from the Reserve Bank Service before the officer has attained the age of 60 years.'

*Companies Act 1981***Sub-paragraph 578 (2) (c) (ii)—**

Omit 'wife', substitute 'spouse'.

*Defence Act 1903***Paragraph 124 (1) (h)—**

Omit the paragraph.

*Navigation Act 1912***Sub-paragraph 70 (1) (a) (i)—**

Omit the sub-paragraph, substitute the following sub-paragraph:

'(i) the grandparent, parent, wife, husband, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the seaman; or'.

Sub-paragraph 156 (1) (b) (i)—

After 'widow', insert ', the widower'.

Sub-section 158 (6)—

After 'widow', insert 'widower,'.

Sub-section 158 (7)—

After 'widow', insert 'widower,'.

Sub-section 161 (1)—

- (a) Omit 'his wife, or any of his children or step-children,' substitute 'the wife or husband, or any of the children or step-children of the seaman'.
- (b) Omit 'his' (third, fourth and fifth occurring), substitute 'the seaman's'.

*Re-establishment and Employment Act 1945***Part VI—**

Repeal the Part.

*Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act 1953***Section 2 (definition of 'eligible person')—**

Omit paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), substitute the following paragraphs:

- '(b) a former member of the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service;
- (c) a former member of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force;
- (d) a widow or widower of a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b);
- (e) a widower of a person referred to in paragraph (c); or
- (f) a parent of a person referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c), being a deceased person who was not legally married at the time of his or her death, if the parent—
 - (i) is a widow or widower and was, at the time of the person's appointment to, or enlistment in, the Royal Australian Air Force, the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service or the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force, as the case may be, dependent upon the person; or
 - (ii) has a wife who is, or a husband who is, so incapacitated as to be unable to contribute materially to the support of the parent;'

*Seamen's Compensation Act 1911***Schedule 1 (sub-paragraph (10A) (a))—**

Add at the end 'or'.

Schedule 1 (sub-paragraph (10A) (b))—

Omit the sub-paragraph."

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Keating	Mr Mountford
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr O'Neil
Mr Blanchard	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keogh	Mr Price
Dr Blewett	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 Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr Maher	Mr Tickner
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mrs Mayer	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Milton	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Young

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), the House adopted the report.

Mr Bowen, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

16 PAPER: Mr Braithwaite, by leave, presented the following paper:

Mr T. E. Walton—Copy of letter from Mr Braithwaite to Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, dated 1 May 1986 together with an attachment.

17 STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 1) 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Cunningham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1986-87—INTERIM PROVISION—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1986-87: Message No. 136, dated 1 May 1986, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced—

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1987, for which interim provision is necessary; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1987 and for other purposes.

Mr J. J. Brown (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1987, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

19 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1986-87—INTERIM PROVISION—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1986-87: Message No. 137, dated 1 May 1986, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced—

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987 for which interim provision is necessary; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987 and for other purposes.

Mr J. J. Brown (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

20 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1986-87—INTERIM PROVISION—SUPPLY (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1986-87: Message No. 138, dated 1 May 1986, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced—

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987, in relation to—
 - (i) the Department of the Senate;
 - (ii) the Department of the House of Representatives;
 - (iii) the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff;
 - (iv) the Department of the Parliamentary Library; and
 - (v) the Joint House Department,
 for which interim provision is necessary; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution,

recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987.

Mr J. J. Brown (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 21 **STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 1) 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

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 2, page 2, line 16, after “amendment of” insert “paragraph 8A (a) of”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher 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.

- 22 **SOCIAL SECURITY 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 by Mr Blunt 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 condemns the Government for—

- (1) implementing the amnesty for the clients of the Department of Social Security who have received overpayments as the proposal—
 - (a) establishes a double standard,
 - (b) disadvantages honest clients,
 - (c) undermines the work of Departmental field officers,
 - (d) sabotages field investigators’ morale, and
 - (e) provides no guarantee that overpayment and fraud will not occur in the future, and

(2) its economic policies such as the capital gains tax and the prohibition on negative gearing which have increased the cost of housing and rent necessitating extending the rent subsidy to the long term unemployed”.

Debate continued.

Mr Hodges addressing the House—

23 **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.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 May 1986:
Fisheries Act—Plan of Management—No. 5—Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan (Amendment).
Public Service Act—Determinations—1986—Nos. 16, 26.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Campbell, Mr Cleeland, Mrs Darling, Mr Everingham and Mr Hurford.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives