

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

No. 94

MONDAY, 5 MAY 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 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) was acting as Minister for Defence.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Paper: Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented the following paper:
Economic policy—Extracts from Budget Papers No. 1 for 1980-81 and 1985-86.
Questions without notice continued.
- 4 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Beale, Mr E. C. Cameron, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Griffiths and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 - Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms.
 - Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cadman, Mr Hodges and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.
 - Mr Free, Mr Gorman, Mr Grace 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 Beale, Mr Lee and Mr McGauran—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 Blunt and Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Page, respectively, praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.
 - Mr Blunt 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 Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Hollis and Mr Ruddock—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 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 Baldwin—from certain citizens praying that staff in the Rushcutters Bay Mail Centre, NSW, be protected from intimidation.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that a bi-partisan commitment to world-wide nuclear disarmament be made.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that proclamation of the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be delayed until a referendum has been held.
- 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 Everingham—from certain residents of the Northern Territory praying that the introduction of an SBS television channel to the Territory proceed as planned.
- Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that interest rates be reduced and certain other action be taken with respect to the Australian dollar.
- Mr Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Ms McHugh—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights or elsewhere within Australia.
- 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 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.
- Dr Watson—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

Petitions received.

- 5 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
1 May 1986.—Message No. 140—Trade Practices (Transfer of Market Dominance) Amendment 1986.

- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WAR CRIMINALS: The House was informed that both Mr Hand and Mr Macphee 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 Hand, namely, "The urgent need for clarification of claims that war criminals have been allowed sanctuary in Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Hand addressed the House.

Papers: Mr Hand, by leave, presented the following papers:

War criminals—Copies of—

Extracts from—

The Argus of 29 November 1950 headed "Germans will be screened—
P.M."

House of Representatives *Hansard* of 7 November 1951 headed "Immigration".

Letter from Mr H. E. Holt (Minister for Immigration) to Mrs R. Cohen, dated May 1951.

Statement by Mr H. E. Holt (Minister for Immigration).

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 7 PROTECTION OF MOVABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE BILL 1986—SENATE'S AMENDMENT: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment made by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 11, sub-clause 24 (1), lines 6 to 8, leave out all words after "writing," insert "delegate to—

(a) the person holding or performing the duties of the office of Secretary to the Department; or

(b) a person holding or performing the duties of a Senior Executive Service office within the meaning of the *Public Service Act 1922*, being an office in the Department,

all or any of the Minister's powers under this Act, other than this power of delegation or a power conferred by section 17 or 18, sub-section 28 (3), (4) or (5) or section 38 or 47."

On the motion of Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

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

- 8 DEPARTURE TAX COLLECTION 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK CORPORATION 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.

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Kerin requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Kerin continued his speech.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin, the Bill was read a third time.

10 **WHEAT MARKETING 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 141, 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

11 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—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.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 May 1986:
Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 86.

Bankruptcy Act—Rules—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 84.

Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 85.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mrs Darling, Mr Gayler, Mr Hurford, Mr Katter and Mr Nehl.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives