

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 102

MONDAY, 26 MAY 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 **ANTICIPATION RULE—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker referred to a point of order raised on 23 May 1986 in which it was claimed that a matter of public importance proposed for discussion was in breach of standing order 82, in that it anticipated discussion of a matter already on the Notice Paper. Madam Speaker stated that she would continue to exercise the discretion given her by standing order 82, as it relates to matters of public importance, in a very wide sense.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz:
 - Mr Blunt, Mr Halverson, Mr Reith 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.
 - Dr Blewett, Mr Gorman and Mr Grace—from certain citizens praying that 1989 be proposed as the International Year for Repairing the Earth and certain other action be taken in support of world peace.
 - Mr Free, 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 Blunt and Mr Nehl—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Cowper, respectively, praying that the superannuation claim of the trade union movement be rejected and superannuation be allowed to develop without trade union domination.
 - Mr Blunt and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
 - Mr Braithwaite and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.
 - Mr Halverson and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.
 - Mr Nehl and Mr Webster—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—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that a bi-partisan commitment to world-wide nuclear disarmament be made.
 - 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 Opportunity 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 Ruddock and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that a parliamentary committee be appointed to consider proposals for a new national flag.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be opposed and certain other action be taken in relation to the Bill.
- Mr Hawker—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the proposed capital gains tax legislation be introduced without delay and that it be rejected.
- Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill 1984 be presented to the House of Representatives at the earliest possible time.
- Mr Kent—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 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 that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.
- Mr Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Mr Lindsay—from certain citizens praying that 1988 be proclaimed the first International Earth Repair Year.
- 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 Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the Marsfield Post Office, NSW, be prevented.
- Mr Spender—from certain residents of Alice Springs praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be withdrawn.
- 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 an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights, NSW, or elsewhere within Australia.
- Mr Webster—from certain citizens praying that the nation's total dependence on God the Creator in accordance with the Constitution and the standing orders of the House of Representatives be reaffirmed.

Petitions received.

- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INCOME TAX CUTS: 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 false argument of the Government that income tax cuts are dependent on the passage of the fringe benefits tax legislation".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Carlton addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 6 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, moved—That Dr Theophanous be discharged from attendance on the Publications Committee, and that, in his place, Mr Dubois be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mrs Kelly presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

245th Report—Finance Minute on 202nd Report—Selection and development of senior managers in the Commonwealth Public Service—Response.

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Kelly, Mr Ruddock and Mr Connolly, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 8 **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendments made by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 7, clause 25, lines 15 to 17, leave out the clause.

No. 2—Page 7, clause 26, lines 18 to 21, leave out the clause.

No. 3—Page 7, clause 27, lines 22 and 23, leave out the clause.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

On the motion of Mr Jones, the following amendments, consequential upon the acceptance of the amendments made by the Senate, were made:

Clause 2, page 2, line 8, omit sub-clause (6).

Part VI, page 7, line 14, omit the heading.

Title, page 1, omit “, the *Spirits Act 1906*”.

Question—That the title, as amended, be the title of the Bill—put and passed.

Resolutions, including the amendment of the title, to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

- 9 **BOUNTIES 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 Keogh, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Conquest	Mr Hunt	Mr Reith
Mr Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr N. A. Brown	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Dr Watson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Millar	Mr Webster
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodges	Mr Peacock	

* Tellers

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 155, dated 2 May 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.

Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 10 **HEALTH 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.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) addressing the House—

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

Dr Blewett requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Dr Blewett continued his speech.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 156, dated 7 May 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.

On the motion of Dr Blewett, by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 14, page 8, lines 16–19, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Medicare benefit in respect of 2 or more operations

“14. Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (4) ‘general medical services’ before ‘table’.”

Clause 15—

Page 9, line 5, after “by” insert “whom”.

Page 9, line 11, after “by” insert “whom”.

Page 9, line 27, omit “7”, substitute “14”.

Page 9, line 40, after “by” insert “whom”.

Page 9, line 42, after “by” insert “whom”.

Clause 17, page 11, line 24, after “by” insert “whom”.

Clause 19—

Page 24, line 7, omit “7”, substitute “14”.

Page 24, lines 10 and 11, omit “, or is deemed for the purposes of section 16A to have made,”.

Page 24, line 16, omit “7”, substitute “14”.

Page 28, line 8, omit “as the period”.

Page 30, after proposed paragraph 23DO (5) (a) insert the following paragraph:

“(ab) a decision by the Minister varying or revoking an approval given under sub-section 23DN (1);”.

Clause 35, page 40, line 24, after “required” insert “to establish”.

Clause 37—

Page 41, line 38, omit “practitioner”, substitute “authority”.

Page 44, line 42, omit “it appears to”.

Page 44, line 43, after “practitioner” insert “has reasonable grounds to believe”.

Page 45, line 7, omit “it appears to”.

Page 45, line 9, after “practitioner” insert “has reasonable grounds to believe”.

Clause 40, page 47, line 5, omit “10”, substitute “28”.

Clause 73, page 55, before paragraph (1) (a) insert the following paragraph:

“(aa) by inserting in paragraph (3) (b) ‘or such later day as the Minister determines’ after ‘that year’ (first occurring);”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

11 **ADJOURNMENT:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.16 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 May 1986:

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1986—No. 1.

Determinations—1986—

No. 24—Overseas Living Out Allowance and other allowances.

No. 25—Bindoon Allowance.

No. 26—Overseas Living Out Allowance and other allowances.

No. 27—Education Assistance Overseas.

No. 28—Higher Duties Allowance.

Public Service Act—Determination—1986—No. 32.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Campbell, Mr Cobb, Mr Cohen, Mr Cowan, Mrs Darling, Mr Duffy, Mr Hawke, Mr Humphreys, Mr Miles, Mr Robinson, Mr Slipper, Mr Smith, Mr Tuckey and Mr Wright.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives