

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 105

THURSDAY, 29 MAY 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 **ABORIGINAL LAND GRANT (JERVIS BAY TERRITORY) BILL 1986:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant land in the Jervis Bay Territory to the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community, and for other purposes.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Cadman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 3 **DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on the following days and at the times specified:
    - Monday, 2 June, at 2 p.m.
    - Tuesday, 3 June, at 2 p.m.
    - Wednesday, 4 June, at 10 a.m.
    - Thursday, 5 June, at 10 a.m.
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
  - 4 **PAPER:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) presented the following paper:  
 Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Bill 1986—Explanatory memorandum.
  - 5 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (CAPITAL GAINS) 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 R. J. Brown 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.
  - 6 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE:** Mr MacKellar, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—
    - (1) condemns the Government for lowering CSIRO's funds for continuing research by \$9 million, and
    - (2) calls on the Government to take a more constructive approach to science and technology to ensure the continued effectiveness of our vital scientific institutions.
 Debate ensued.

Mr Tickner addressing the House—

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109, as amended by sessional order.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notice No. 1 be extended until 2 p.m.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Staples was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Trade), Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Trade.

8 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

9 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—Report 10—Intergovernmental aspects of the provision of post-arrival services for immigrants—Relationships reference.

10 **OVERSEAS VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning his recent visit to Japan, China and the Philippines.

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, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Nehl, Mr Snow 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 and Mr Halverson—from certain citizens; and Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that no cutbacks be made to the portfolio of Veterans' Affairs and certain action be taken to assist ex-servicemen and women.

Mr Blunt and Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be increased and proposed changes to the spouse rebate be rejected.

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

Mr Brumby and Mr Snow—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 Snow—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

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

Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

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 Halverson and Dr Watson—from certain citizens praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.

Mr Nehl and Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the Divisions of Cowper and Page, respectively, praying that the superannuation claim of the trade

union movement be rejected and superannuation be allowed to develop without trade union domination.

Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that the legislation to tax fringe benefits not proceed.

Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that all changes to benefits for veterans and conditions of service for military personnel announced in the May 1985 economic statement be withdrawn.

Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that a bi-partisan commitment to world-wide nuclear disarmament be made.

Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that a public inquiry be held into the immigration of the Chirita family and that the rights of Ion Chirita be recognised.

Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain residents of the Division of Farrer praying that the proposed capital gains tax legislation be introduced without delay and that it be rejected.

Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain residents of the Division of Farrer praying that the proposed fringe benefits tax be abandoned.

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

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of a compulsory identification card 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 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 Scott—from certain citizens praying that national Aboriginal land rights legislation be established.

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 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.

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

Petitions received.

**12 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported—

(a) returning the following Bills without amendment:

28 May 1986—Message—

No. 261—Appropriation (No. 3) 1985-86 (*without requests*).

No. 262—Appropriation (No. 4) 1985-86.

29 May 1986—Message No. 264—Social Security Legislation Amendment 1986.

(b) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the consequential amendments made by the House in the Bill:

29 May 1986—Message No. 263—Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment 1986.

**13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC OUTLOOK:** 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 dramatically worsening economic outlook as disclosed by yesterday's private investment figures and today's national account figures".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Carlton addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**14 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—  
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Keogh (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Procedure:

2nd report—Days and hours of sitting and the effective use of the time of the House, dated 27 May 1986, incorporating a dissenting report, dated 28 May 1986, together with a copy of the minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Keogh, Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism), by leave, moved—  
That the House take note of the paper.

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

**15 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (CAPITAL GAINS) 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.

*Limitation of debate:* At 9.40 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Hodgman	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Slipper
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	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 Moore	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Porter	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges	Mr Reith	

\* Tellers

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 16 INCOME TAX (RATES) AMENDMENT (CAPITAL GAINS) 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.

*Limitation of debate:* At 9.50 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.10 p.m., Madam Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 2 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 May 1986: Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Public Service Act—Determinations—1986—Nos. 27, 34, 35, 36.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cobb, Mr Cohen, Mr Dawkins, Mr Duffy, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Humphreys and Mr Smith.

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A. R. BROWNING  
Clerk of the House of Representatives