

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 116

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 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 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAWS 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 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr Spender moved the following amendment: Omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Processing of requests, &c.

“10. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (1) (a) ‘is made in writing and’.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14, by leave, taken together.

Mr Spender, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 13, page 5, lines 29-33, omit paragraph (b), substitute the following paragraph:

“(b) by inserting in paragraph (3) (b) ‘or a person on whose behalf the application was made’ after ‘applicant’ (second occurring).”

Clause 14, page 6, after line 6 insert the following word and sub-paragraph:

“or (iii) the giving of access is in the general public interest or in the interest of a substantial section of the public.”

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clauses agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and 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, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (REPEAL) BILL 1986: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 325

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to repeal the 'Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry Act 1986', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives, has disagreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in place thereof, and has made a further amendment to the Bill as indicated by the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the reconsideration by the House of Representatives of the Bill in respect of the amendment disagreed to, and desires the concurrence of the House in the further amendment made by the Senate.

D. MCCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 17 September 1986

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE FURTHER AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 3, clause 8, lines 15 to 27, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:

"8. (1) A person who is, or has at any time been, a member of the Commission, a member of the staff of the Commission or counsel assisting the Commission shall not, directly or indirectly, disclose to any other person or make use of any document or information to which the first-mentioned person has had access by reason of being or having been such a member or counsel.

"Penalty: \$5,000 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both.

"(2) Sub-section (1) does not apply in relation to—

(a) the performance of any act otherwise authorised by this Act; or

(b) anything done in accordance with an authority given under sub-section 7 (4)."

Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House of Representatives does not insist on its amendment made in place of the amendment of the Senate to Clause 8 of the Bill and agrees to the further amendment made by the Senate to that clause.

Debate ensued.

It being past 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 106A—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

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 **PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) raised, as a matter of privilege, a letter from the Presiding Officers to the President of the Parliamentary Press Gallery relating to the behaviour of journalists and photographers on the front steps of Parliament House and indicating, if such behaviour recurred, the media would have to be banned from waiting or conducting interviews on the steps.

Madam Speaker stated that she would consider the matter and report to the House in due course.

- 6 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: Madam Speaker named the honourable Member for Menzies (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) for continuing to interject after having been warned by the Chair.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Menzies be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 57

Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	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	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Dr Watson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodges	Mr Peacock	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Reith	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.31 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

- 7 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Archives Act—

Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Report for 1985-86.

Australian Archives—Report for 1985-86.

Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Report for 1985-86.

Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act—Tasmanian State Grants Commission—Report for 1985-86.

8 PORTFOLIO PROGRAM STATEMENTS 1986-87—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented the following papers:

Portfolio program statements 1986-87, together with statement by Senator Walsh, Minister for Finance.

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

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.

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

Mr Adermann, Mr Andrew, Mr Beale, Mr Blunt, Mr Braithwaite, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Carlton, Mr Cobb, Mr Coleman, Mr Conquest, Mr Dobie, Mr Drummond, Mr Dubois, Dr H. R. Edwards, Ms Fatin, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Hawker, Mr Hollis, Mr Jenkins, Mr Kent, Mr Lloyd, Mr Mildren, Mr Mountford, Mr Nehl, Mr O'Neil, Mr Reith, Mr Robinson, Mr Rocher, Mr Ruddock, Mr Slipper, Dr Watson, Mr White, Mr Wright and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

Mr Andrew, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Cobb, Mr Dubois and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the members of the Film Censorship Board be replaced.

Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker, Mr O'Neil and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

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

Mr Andrew, Mr Hawker and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be increased and proposed changes to the spouse rebate be rejected.

Mr Drummond, Mr Jenkins, Mr Mountford and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr J. J. Brown, Ms McHugh and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that funding for English as a second language programs be restored to the 1985 level.

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

Mr Kent, Mr Milton and 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 Blunt and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Fisher, respectively, praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.

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

Mr Cadman and Mr Hollis—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs' Wollongong area office be kept operational and fully staffed.

Mr Campbell and Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the Extradition (Foreign States) Act be amended to protect the rights of accused persons.

- Mr Dobie and Dr Watson—from certain citizens praying that the assets test, capital gains tax, fringe benefits tax and tax on lump sum superannuation be repealed.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens; and Mr Blunt from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Dr H. R. Edwards and Ms McHugh—from certain citizens praying that 1988 be proclaimed the first International Earth Repair Year.
- Mr Hawker and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens; and 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 Andrew—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.
- Mr Hunt, Mr Nehl and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Burr—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that family allowance payments be indexed to CPI movements.
- Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax be cancelled.
- 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 citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- 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 Jenkins—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Lalor/Thomastown, Vic.
- Mr Jenkins—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to relieve housing-related poverty.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that all prescribed medicines be provided to pensioners free of charge.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that announcers on the Albanian program on radio 3EA be replaced with community representatives.
- 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 Langmore—from certain citizens praying that the decisions to cut the English as a second language and multicultural education programs, amalgamate the SBS with the ABC and abolish the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs be reversed.
- Mr Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Ms McHugh—from certain citizens praying that the tropical rainforests of north Queensland be nominated for inclusion in the world heritage list.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that the decision to sell uranium to France be reversed.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens; and Mr Nehl—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 citizens praying that exhibition of the film "Hail Mary" be prevented.

Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the Income Tax Assessment Amendment (Capital Gains) Act be repealed.

Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that pony clubs be given tax exempt status.

Mr Slipper—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be restored to their former level.

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 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 means be sought for the protection of the people's interests to reverse the decision to hand Ayers Rock over to an Aboriginal Land Council.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the right to work be acknowledged and protected and that certain other action be taken to protect workers.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the fringe benefits tax be abandoned.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.

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

Petitions received.

- 10 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX CHANGES:** The House was informed that Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government's tax changes to provide more incentive for Australian families and businesses".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 **PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (REPEAL) BILL 1986—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 325:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of Message No. 325 from the Senate.

In the committee

Debate resumed on the Senate's message (*see* entry No. 3) and on the motion moved by Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), viz.—That the House of Representatives does not insist on its amendment made in place of the amendment of the Senate to Clause 8 of the Bill and agrees to the further amendment made by the Senate to that clause.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

- 12 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Millar (Vice-Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the refurbishment of taxation building, Brisbane (6th report of 1986)—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 13 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Millar (Vice-Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the construction of working accommodation and warehousing for 51st Supply Battalion, Guildford, WA (7th report of 1986)—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 14 **EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:**
Mr McLeay presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Expenditure:
Patronage, power and the muse—Inquiry into Commonwealth assistance to the arts—Report, dated September 1986, together with a copy of the minutes of the proceedings, the transcript of evidence and submissions authorised for publication.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
Mr McLeay, Mr Langmore and Mr Mountford, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
- 15 **COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—31ST COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT OF DELEGATION FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BRANCH—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:**
Mr Lindsay, by leave, presented the following paper:
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—31st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Saskatchewan, Canada, October 1985—Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr Lindsay and Mr Braithwaite, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
- 16 **ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPEAL 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. 178, dated 21 August 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 Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1986-87—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Carlton, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House condemns the Government for—
(1) the failure of the Budget to tackle Australia’s fundamental economic problems, namely—
(a) the record and rising level of overseas debt;
(b) excessively high levels of government spending and taxation;
(c) an inflation rate 4 times the average of our major trading partners;

- (d) interest rates once again approaching 20%;
 - (e) a wages policy that does not take account of the capacity of individual enterprises to pay, and
 - (f) the pernicious effects of the anti-business, anti-investment taxes such as the capital gains tax and the fringe benefits tax, and
- (2) the loss of Australia's AAA international credit rating following the failure of the Budget"—

Debate resumed.

Privilege—Statement by Madam Speaker: Madam Speaker referred to the matter raised earlier this day by Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) (see entry No. 5) concerning a letter sent by the Presiding Officers to the President of the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

Madam Speaker stated that the matter was neither one of privilege nor of contempt as such, but rather one of parliamentary administration and instanced several occasions on which the Presiding Officers had expressed their concern at the behaviour of journalists at the main entrance. She added that the Presiding Officers were responsible for certain standards of behaviour being maintained within the building and they hoped it would not become necessary to intervene.

Papers: Madam Speaker presented the following papers:

Behaviour of journalists and cameramen at main entrance to Parliament House—

Copies of letters to Mr Barrie Cassidy, President, Parliamentary Press Gallery from—

C. J. C. Elliott, Acting Security Controller, Parliament of Australia, dated 11 September 1986.

Presiding Officers, dated—

14 August 1986.

17 September 1986.

Rules for the guidance of new members of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery and journalistic, TV, radio and cable service visitors to Parliament House, issued by President, Parliamentary Press Gallery.

Mr Sinclair addressed himself to the matter.

Madam Speaker made a further statement in connection with the matter.

Debate continued.

Mrs Mayer addressing the House—

18 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.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 September 1986:

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the date on which the following sections of the *Crimes Act 1914* shall come into operation—Amendment made by the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1986*—1 October 1986.

Treaties—Text of—

Which have been signed by Australia and which require further treaty action by Australia before the treaty can enter into force—

- (1) Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Austria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income signed at Vienna on 8 July 1986.
- (2) Second Protocol Amending the Agreement between Australia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income with Protocol signed at Canberra on 30 June 1986.

Which have been signed for and ratified by Australia—

- (3) Agreement on Medical Treatment between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand signed at Rotorua on 2 April 1986. Instruments of ratification were exchanged on 27 June 1986. The Agreement entered into force on 1 July 1986.
- (4) Agreement on the CAB International done at London on 20 September 1985 signed for Australia on 8 July 1986 and ratified by Australia on 31 July 1986. The Agreement is not yet in force.

To which Australia has become a party by signature—

- (5) Exchange of Letters at Rome on 4 March 1986 and Canberra on 8 May 1986 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) concerning the extension of Australian participation in the MFO. The Agreement entered into force retroactively on 25 April 1984.
- (6) Exchange of Letters at Canberra on 28 February 1986 constituting an Agreement to amend the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to provide for the Establishment and Operation in Australia of a Large Optical Telescope. The Agreement entered into force on 28 February 1986.
- (7) Agreement on Health Services between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, signed at London on 21 March 1986. The Agreement entered into force on 1 July 1986.
- (8) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 21 March 1986 constituting an Agreement amending the Agreement between Australia and Japan relating to Air Services. The Agreement entered into force on 21 March 1986.
- (9) Agreement between the Government of Australia and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association for the Cofinancing of Development Projects, signed at Washington on 2 June 1986. The Agreement entered into force on 2 June 1986.
- (10) Exchange of notes at Canberra on 26 February and 20 August 1986 constituting an Agreement to amend the Subsidiary Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Korea concerning Squid Jigging. The Agreement entered into force on 21 January 1986 in accordance with the terms of the Notes.
- (11) Exchange of Notes at Vancouver on 7 August 1986 between Australia and Canada constituting an Agreement for Sharing Consular Services Abroad. The Agreement entered into force on 7 August 1986.

Which Australia has accepted or to which Australia has acceded—

- (12) Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, opened for signature at New York on 14 January 1975, acceded to by Australia on 11 March 1986. The Convention entered into force for Australia on 11 March 1986.

- (13) Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, done at London on 9 April 1965 acceded to by Australia on 28 April 1986. The Convention entered into force for Australia on 27 June 1986.
- (14) Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency, done at Vienna on 1 July 1958 accepted by Australia on 9 May 1986. The Agreement entered into force for Australia on 9 May 1986.
- (15) Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the Europe Region, done at Paris on 21 December 1979, acceded to by Australia on 6 August 1986. The Convention entered into force for Australia on 5 September 1986.
- (16) Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 5 December 1979, acceded to by Australia on 7 July 1986. The Agreement entered into force for Australia on 6 August 1986.
- (17) Wheat Trade Convention, done at London on 14 March 1986 acceded to by Australia on 27 June 1986. The Convention entered into force on 1 July 1986.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cleeland, Mr Dawkins, Mr Free, Mr Griffiths, Mr Halverson, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Mrs Kelly, Mr Shack, Mr Shipton*, Mr Staples and Mrs Sullivan.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives