

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 125

FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER 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 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
 - 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1986-87:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Ordered—That further consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of the Special Minister of State be postponed.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Transport, \$179,309,000—

Department of Aviation, \$460,113,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mrs Darling reported accordingly.

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

- 4 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to social security, veterans' entitlements and other matters.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Howe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr Blunt), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1986-87:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Community Services, \$468,642,000—

Department of Social Security, \$573,693,000—

Department of Health, \$526,957,000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$999,200,000—

together debated.

It being 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Cowan reported accordingly.

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

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

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

Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Report for 1985-86.

Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1986.

Selected statistics on the general insurance industry for 1985—Bulletin by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

8 **BETTER HEALTH COMMISSION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the inquiry of the Better Health Commission and presented the following papers:

Better Health Commission—Final report—Looking forward to better health—

Ministerial statement, 10 October 1986.

Report—Volume 1.

Mr Porter, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.

9 **GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING, PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Trade), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the outcome of the GATT Ministerial meeting held at Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 15 to 20 September 1986 and presented the following papers:

GATT Ministerial meeting, Punta del Este, Uruguay—

Ministerial declaration on the Uruguay round, dated 20 September 1986.

Ministerial statement, 10 October 1986.

Mr Braithwaite, by leave, also making a statement in connection with the matter—

Adjournment negatived: It being 3.45 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

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

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Braithwaite continued his statement.

Mr Dawkins, by leave, made a further statement on the matter.

10 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

10 October 1986—Message—

No. 336—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security 1986.

No. 338—Intelligence and Security (Consequential Amendments) 1986.

- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT BILL 1986:
The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 334

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to establish the Australian Institute of Sport as a statutory authority*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. MCCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 9 October 1986

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1986: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 335

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the dissolution of the company named Australian Institute of Sport in consequence of the establishment of a statutory authority by that name and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. MCCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 9 October 1986

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 337

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Australian Security Intelligence Organization*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. MCCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 10 October 1986

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES ALTERATION BILL 1986: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 339

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to certain remuneration and allowances*", and acquaints the House

that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and has made an alternative amendment to the Bill as indicated by the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House in the alternative amendment made by the Senate.

D. MCCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 10 October 1986

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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

Mr Baldwin, Mr Beazley, Mr Blunt, Mr Cadman, Mr Cobb, Mr Coleman, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Gorman, Mr Hollis, Mrs Kelly, Mr Maher, Mr Nehl, Mr Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Simmons, Mr Spender and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar, NSW, be retained.

Mr Andrew, Mr Beale, Mr Blunt, Mr Braithwaite, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cobb, Mr Drummond, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hawker, Mr Nehl, Mr Rocher, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shipton, Mr Simmons and Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

Mr Griffiths, Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Kent, Mr Milton and Dr Theophanous—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 Bilney, 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 and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker and Mr Shipton—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 Braithwaite and Mr Hicks—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.

Mr Andrew, Mr Cadman, Mr Nehl and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Cadman and Mr Gorman—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.

Mr Cohen and Mr Langmore—from certain citizens praying that the annual administrative charge for higher education students not be introduced.

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

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

Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens; and Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Maranoa praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.

Mr Kent and Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that the principles of social justice, equity and redistribution of wealth be upheld.

Mr Kent and Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that the US Government be urged to join the Soviet Union's nuclear test ban.

Mr Blanchard—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the decision to deny secondary allowances to Year 11 students under the age of 16 years be reversed and allowances not be made directly payable to students.

- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the capital gains tax be repealed.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that proclamation of the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be delayed until a referendum has been held.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Wollongong office of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs be reversed.
- Mr Downer—from certain citizens praying that the members of the Film Censorship Board be replaced.
- Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the Extradition (Foreign States) Act be amended to protect the rights of accused persons.
- Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax be cancelled.
- Mr Everingham—from certain residents of the Northern Territory praying that the Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act, the Fringe Benefits Tax Act, the Fringe Benefits Tax (Application to the Commonwealth) Act and the Fringe Benefits Tax (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act be rescinded.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that the arms race be curbed and certain other action be taken for world peace.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that 1988 be proclaimed the first International Earth Repair Year.
- Mr Hand—from certain residents of the Division of Melbourne praying that tertiary education remain free to all students.
- 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 commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.
- 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 Hollis—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs' Wollongong area office be kept operational and fully staffed.
- 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 all prescribed medicines be provided to pensioners free of charge.
- Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that funding for the Toowoomba Education Centre, Qld, be retained at its present level.
- Mr Maher—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Act be amended to enable weight lifting limits for women employees to continue.
- Mr Miles—from certain citizens praying that an occupational category for housewives be included in the Census and that the "Fair go for Women" survey be recognised as a costly exercise of dubious value.
- Mr Milton—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the decision to sell uranium to France be reversed.
- Mr Nehl—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 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 citizens praying that exhibition of the film "Hail Mary" be prevented.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the assets test, capital gains tax, fringe benefits tax and tax on lump sum superannuation be repealed.

Mr Shipton—from certain residents of Victoria praying that certain action be taken in relation to child care services.

Mr Smith—from certain electors of the Division of Bass praying that the Mowbray Heights, Tas., office of Australia Post be resited.

Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that funding be restored to the English as a second language and multicultural education programs.

Petitions received.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SYSTEM: The House was informed that Mr N. A. Brown (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's belated abandonment of wage indexation and its refusal to support necessary reforms to Australia's industrial relations system".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr N. A. Brown addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr P. S. Fisher rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Humphreys moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 4.34 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 9 October 1986.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 October 1986:

Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Determination—1986—No. 3.

Public Service Act—Determination—1986—No. 72.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Beazley, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Cleeland, Mr Dubois, Mr Duncan, Mr Goodluck, Mr Hawker, Mr Hodgman, Mr Holding, Mr Hollis, Mr Jacobi*, Mr Jones, Mr Keating, Mr Lamb, Mr MacKellar, Mr Moore, Mr O'Neil, Mr Price, Mr Punch, Mr Shack, Mr Smith, Mr Tuckey, Mr Wilson and Mr Young.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives