

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 130

MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement for September 1986.
 - Public Service Act—Department of Community Services—Report for 1985-86.
 - Veterans' Entitlements Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for 1985-86, incorporating the report of the Department of Veterans' Affairs for 1985-86 pursuant to the Public Service Act.
 - Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
- 4 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Blunt, Mr Cobb, Mr Coleman, Mr Dobie, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Gorman, Mr Humphreys, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Ruddock, Mr Sharp, Mr Simmons, Mr Spender and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar, NSW, be retained.
 - Mr Beale, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mrs Darling, Mr Drummond, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker, Mr Ruddock, Mr Tickner and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.
 - Mrs Jakobsen, 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 Adermann—from certain citizens praying that family allowances be indexed and certain other action be taken to assist families.
 - Mr Drummond and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - 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 - Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the capital gains tax be repealed.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 Coleman—from certain citizens praying that funding be restored to the English as a second language and multicultural education programs.

- Mrs Darling—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.
- Mrs Darling—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the introduction of the tertiary administration fee be opposed.
- Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax be cancelled.
- Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the Extradition (Foreign States) Act be amended to protect the rights of accused persons.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that the assets test, capital gains tax, fringe benefits tax and tax on lump sum superannuation be repealed.
- Mr Free—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established.
- Mr Hawker—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 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 citizens praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be opposed and certain other action be taken in relation to the Bill.
- 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 Langmore—from certain citizens praying that the agreement between Australia and the USA concerning the Pine Gap facilities be terminated and certain other action be taken in any negotiations for a new agreement.
- Mr Langmore—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Milton—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the decision to sell uranium to France be reversed.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that an Australian republic be created on or before 1 January 1988.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the Lucas Heights nuclear reactor be closed down and no new reactors built.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.
- Mr Tickner—from certain residents of Sutherland Shire, NSW, praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights.

Petitions received.

- 5 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

17 October 1986—Message—

No. 186—

Trade Union Training Authority Amendment 1986.

Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1986.

No. 187—

Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment 1986.
Sales Tax Laws Amendment 1986.
Sales Tax Acts Amendment 1986.

No. 188—

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security 1986.
Intelligence and Security (Consequential Amendments) 1986.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON ADVERTISING, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND POLITICAL RESEARCH: The House was informed that Mr Blunt had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The abuse of the power and discretion of government by the Hawke Labor Government in spending nearly \$90 million on advertising, public relations and research for party political purposes".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Blunt addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1986: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Dawkins presented the following paper:

Student Assistance Amendment Bill 1986—Second reading speech by Mr Dawkins, Minister representing the Minister for Education.

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

8 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—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment, \$193,300,000—

Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism, \$92,032,000—

Department of Territories, \$529,924,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Communications, \$510,115,000—

Department of Science, \$541,025,000—

together debated.

Closure: Mr Jones (Minister for Science) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Adermann	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr Shipton
Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Smith
Mr Andrew*	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Dr Watson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Mr Halverson	Mr Peacock	Mr White
Mr Conquest	Mr Hawker	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Cowan	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	
Mr Downer	Mr Hodges	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hodgman	Mr Shack	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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 J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1986-87:** 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 10 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1986-87:** 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Macphee, by leave, made a statement relating to parliamentary broadcasting.

- 12 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 64

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

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Mr Aldred	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Hodgman	Mr Shipton
Mr Andrew*	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Slipper
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Dr Watson
Mr Cobb	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Conquest	Mr Halverson	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Cowan	Mr Hawker	Mr Rocher	
Mr Downer	Mr Hicks*	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hodges	Mr Sharp	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And then the House, at 10.19 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 October 1986:

Cross investments between the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited and Elders IXL Limited—Report by National Companies and Securities Commission, dated 25 September 1986—Page 200 (*missing from paper presented on 16 October 1986*).

Health Insurance Act—Guidelines pursuant to sub-section 124H (1), dated 30 September 1986.

Home and Community Care Act—Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Victoria, pursuant to sub-section 3 (2), dated 26 September 1986.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Cohen, Mr Coleman, Mr Dobie, Mr Everingham, Mr Jacobi*, Mr Katter and Mr MacKellar.

*On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives