

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 142

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 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 **PAPER:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:  
Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 21 May to 17 November 1986, and outstanding responses to reports presented from 1980.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
Australian Film, Television and Radio School Act—Council of the Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.  
Australian Manufacturing Council—Report for 1985-86.  
Broadcasting Act—  
Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.  
Special Broadcasting Service—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.  
Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Report on the operation of the Act, for 1985-86.  
Public Service Act—  
Department of Resources and Energy—Report for 1985-86.  
Department of Social Security—Report, incorporating a report on the operation of the Social Security Act, for 1985-86.  
Department of Trade—Report for 1985-86.  
Public Service Board—Report for 1985-86.  
*States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984*—Report detailing determinations made by the Minister for Education and the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission in 1985 in respect of the 1985-87 triennium.
- 5 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL—REPORT—REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (JUDICIAL REVIEW) ACT 1977—STAGE 1—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:  
Administrative Review Council—Report No. 26—Review of the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*—Stage 1.  
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**6 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION—REPORT—SUPERANNUATION AND INSURANCE AND THE SEX DISCRIMINATION ACT 1984—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Report No. 19—Superannuation and insurance and the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*—Part 1—Superannuation, dated October 1986.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**7 AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL—REPORT—DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) presented the following paper:

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report on the Defence Science and Technology Organisation and national objectives, dated October 1986.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**8 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFECTS OF ASBESTOS MINING ON THE BARYULGIL COMMUNITY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) presented the following papers:

Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on the effects of asbestos mining on the Baryulgil community—Government response—

Government response, together with attachments.

Statement by Mr Holding, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill: 24 November 1986—Message No. 206—Nursing Homes and Hostels Legislation Amendment 1986.

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

Mr Beale, Mr Cadman, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Carlton, Mr Cleeland, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr McGauran, Mr Nehl, Mr Porter, Mr Rocher, Mr Willis and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

Mr Blunt, Mr Cadman, Mr Carlton, Mr Cowan, Mr Mountford, Mr Nehl, Mr Robinson and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar, NSW, be retained.

Mr Blunt, Mr Carlton and Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.

Mr Cadman, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Nehl and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Shack and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that deletion of the 45 commonly prescribed drugs from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reconsidered.

- Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Kent 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 Milton—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Cadman and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the right of employees to select their own superannuation scheme be guaranteed and certain other action be taken in relation to superannuation.
- Mr Halverson and Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that incentive and opportunity be restored to the Australian economy and certain restrictions on small business be abandoned.
- Mr Hurford and Mr Jacobi—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Payneham Rehabilitation Centre be fully utilised.
- Mr Kent and Mr Staples—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 Aldred—from certain citizens praying that the decision to phase down the Glen Waverley Rehabilitation Centre, Vic., be reversed.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the capital gains tax be repealed.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.
- Mr Cadman—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.
- Mr Free—from certain residents of New South Wales in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Maranoa praying that the ABC's proposals to cease broadcasting certain country programs be reconsidered and that it not disregard its rural listeners.
- Mr Cleeland—from certain citizens praying that the application of the Income Tax (Companies, Corporate Unit Trusts and Superannuation Funds) Act to pony clubs be abolished.
- Mr Cobb—from certain residents of the Division of Parkes praying that means be sought for the protection of the people's interests to prevent Ayers Rock being handed over to an Aboriginal Land Council.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that separatist terrorism in Sri Lanka be condemned and certain other action be taken in relation to Sri Lanka.
- Mrs Darling—from certain electors of the Division of Lilley praying that consideration be given to providing parkland for the people of Nudgee, Qld, and surrounding area.
- Mr Duncan—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be increased and proposed changes to the spouse rebate be rejected.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—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 Free—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 Halverson—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be withdrawn.
- Mr Hunt—from certain citizens praying that the problems which identification cards are intended to reduce be attacked by other methods.
- Mr Mildren—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Constitution be reformed in order to recognise significant public expressions of concern.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that the superannuation claim of the trade union movement be rejected and superannuation be allowed to develop without trade union domination.
- 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 Snow—from certain residents of Bega Valley Shire, NSW, praying that a child care centre be established in Bega.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that Australia use its influence to establish a nuclear test moratorium and comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.
- Mr Staples—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 Staples—from certain citizens praying that the US Government be urged to join the Soviet Union's nuclear test ban.
- Mr Staples—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the decision to sell uranium to France be reversed.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that policies relating to overseas students which were contained in the 1986-87 Budget be reviewed.
- 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 export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.
- Mr Tickner—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights.
- Mr Tickner—from certain staff of the ABC and the SBS praying that certain action be taken in relation to the Staff Elected Director of the ABC following the ABC's amalgamation with the SBS.
- 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 Watson—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Webster—from certain citizens praying that conditions of service and remuneration for servicemen be reviewed and the decision to discount their retirement benefits be reversed.
- Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that the annual administrative charge for higher education students not be introduced.

Petitions received.

- 11 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WAGE FIXING AND 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 failure of Australia's present inflexible wage fixing and industrial relations system and the urgent need for its reform".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr N. A. Brown addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 12 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Charles presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence: Disarmament and arms control in the nuclear age—  
Report, dated September 1986, incorporating 3 dissenting reports, together with the minutes of proceedings and evidence received by the committee.  
Recommended strategies and policies.  
Mr Charles, Dr Klugman, Mr Baldwin, Dr Theophanous and Mr Connolly, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.  
Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—PAPERS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:  
Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Polish Peoples' Republic, 26 June to 17 July 1986—Report, together with records of unofficial meetings.  
Mr Drummond, Mr Tickner and Mr Wright, by leave, made statements in connection with the papers.
- 14 **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Blanchard (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs:  
Certain documents tendered to the committee during the Baryulgil community inquiry—Report, dated November 1986, together with the minutes of proceedings.  
Ordered—That the report be printed.  
Mr Blanchard, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 15 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mrs Kelly (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:  
Hospitality in the ACT—Report, dated November 1986, incorporating a dissenting report, together with the minutes of proceedings and evidence received by the committee.  
Ordered—That the report be printed.  
Mrs Kelly, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 16 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DISABILITY SERVICES BILL 1986:** Message No. 353, dated 20 November 1986, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to the provision of services for persons with disabilities*".  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Howe (Minister representing the Minister for Community Services) moved—  
That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr T. A. Fischer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DISABILITY SERVICES (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986:** Message No. 354, dated 20 November 1986, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to enact certain transitional provisions and make certain amendments in consequence of the enactment of the 'Disability Services Act 1986', and for other purposes*".  
Bill read a first time.

Mr Howe (Minister representing the Minister for Community Services) moved—  
That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 18 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 29 May 1986*), viz.:

Procedure—Standing Committee—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—

Debate resumed.

Mr Lindsay addressing the House—

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

Mr J. J. Brown requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—  
Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

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

- 19 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BOUNTY (SHIP REPAIR) BILL 1986:** Message No. 356, dated 25 November 1986, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production, by way of repair, of certain ships*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 20 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Message No. 357, dated 25 November 1986, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Navigation Act 1912'*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 November 1986:

Copyright Act—Declaration pursuant to paragraph 10A (1) (a), dated 21 October 1986.

Fisheries Act—Notice—No. 174.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

National Health Act—Determinations under sub-section 4 (1) for purposes of the following paragraphs of the definition of “basic private table”—

(db), dated 28 October 1986.

(dc), dated 28 October 1986.

(dd), dated 27 October 1986 (2).

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Darling, Mr Dobie, Mr Duncan, Mr Fife, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Jacobi\*, Mr Langmore, Mr Lee, Mr Price, Mr Shack, Mr Smith and Mr Willis.

\* On leave

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives