

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 160

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 1987

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 AUSTRALIA CARD BILL 1986 [NO.2]: 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.

*Paper:* Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), by leave, presented the following paper: Australia Card Bill 1986 [No. 2]—Notes on clauses 32 to 51.

Debate continued.

Mr Rocher 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Drummond, in the Chair)—

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 54

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|---------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mr Adermann         | Mr Connolly      | Mr Hodges    | Mr Robinson  |
| Mr Aldred           | Mr Conquest      | Mr Hodgman   | Mr Rocher    |
| Mr Andrew*          | Mr Cowan         | Mr Hunt      | Mr Shack     |
| Mr Beale            | Mr Dobie         | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Sharp     |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Downer        | Mr McArthur  | Mr Slipper   |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr McGauran  | Mr Spender   |
| Mr N. A. Brown      | Mr Fife          | Mr MacKellar | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mr Burr             | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr Miles     | Mr Tuckey    |
| Mr D. M. Cameron    | Mr P. S. Fisher  | Mr Millar    | Dr Watson    |
| Mr E. C. Cameron    | Mr Goodluck      | Mr Moore     | Mr Webster   |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hall          | Mr Nehl      | Mr White     |
| Mr Carlton          | Mr Halverson     | Mr Peacock   | Mr Wilson    |
| Mr Cobb             | Mr Hawker        | Mr Porter    |              |
| Mr Coleman          | Mr Hicks*        | Mr Reith     |              |

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 56

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| Mr Adermann         | Mr Connolly      | Mr Hicks*    | Mr Reith     |
| Mr Aldred           | Mr Conquest      | Mr Hodges    | Mr Robinson  |
| Mr Andrew*          | Mr Cowan         | Mr Hodgman   | Mr Rocher    |
| Mr Beale            | Mr Dobie         | Mr Hunt      | Mr Shack     |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Downer        | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Sharp     |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr McArthur  | Mr Shipton   |
| Mr N. A. Brown      | Mr Everingham    | Mr McGauran  | Mr Slipper   |
| Mr Burr             | Mr Fife          | Mr MacKellar | Mr Spender   |
| Mr D. M. Cameron    | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr Miles     | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mr E. C. Cameron    | Mr P. S. Fisher  | Mr Millar    | Mr Tuckey    |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Goodluck      | Mr Moore     | Dr Watson    |
| Mr Carlton          | Mr Hall          | Mr Nehl      | Mr Webster   |
| Mr Cobb             | Mr Halverson     | Mr Peacock   | Mr White     |
| Mr Coleman          | Mr Hawker        | Mr Porter    | Mr Wilson    |

\* Tellers

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 12, by leave, taken together.

It being past 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—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.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS STUDY MISSION TO WESTERN EUROPE: Mr Dawkins (Minister for Trade), by leave, added to an answer to a question without notice asked last week concerning the Trade Development Council/Australian Council of Trade Unions Study Mission to Western Europe.

*Papers:* Mr Dawkins presented the following papers:

Trade Development Council/Australian Council of Trade Unions Study Mission on Tripartite Co-operation—Minute, dated 24 March 1987, from Mr R. T. Anderson, First Assistant Secretary, Department of Trade, to Mr Dawkins, Minister for Trade, together with attachments (2).

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

Fisheries Act—Copy of subsidiary agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Korea concerning squid jigging by fishing vessels of the Republic of Korea, done at Canberra on 16 December 1986.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Radiation Ordinance—Australian Capital Territory Radiation Council—Report for period May 1984 to 30 June 1986.

**6 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:**

Mr Holding (Minister representing the Special Minister of State) presented the following papers:

National Crime Authority Act—National Crime Authority—Report for 1985-86—

Report.

Statement by the Inter-Governmental Committee on the National Crime Authority.

Statement by Senator Tate, Special Minister of State.

Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) 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.

**7 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK—CENTRAL SECTION ZONING PLAN—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) presented the following paper:

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park—Central section zoning plan—and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the zoning plan. Mr Connolly, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

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

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 Beale and Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.

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

Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

Mr Hawker and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Nehl and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that incentive and opportunity be restored to the Australian economy and certain restrictions on small business be abandoned.

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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.

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

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 Milton—from certain citizens praying that Australia use its influence to establish a nuclear test moratorium and comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.

Mr Milton—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.

Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that funding be provided to improve the Pacific Highway between Port Macquarie and Woolgoolga, NSW.

Mr O'Neil—from certain residents of Whyalla, SA, praying that multicultural television be implemented in Whyalla and other country areas.

Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that legislation be instituted to protect endangered Australian native plant and animal species and their habitats.

Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the sale of the Queen Elizabeth II Rehabilitation Centre, Camperdown, NSW, be rescinded.

Mr Young—from certain residents of South Australia praying that an Australian armorial authority be created to make grants of heraldic arms.

Petitions received.

- 9 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 steady increase in public support for reform of Australia's industrial relations system".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr N. A. Brown addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Dr Watson presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

268th Report—Response, including Finance Minute, to 244th Report—Munitions Production Trust Account.

Ordered to be printed.

Dr Watson, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 11 DECLARATION OF AUSTRALIA CARD BILL 1986 [NO. 2] AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE:** Mr Bowen (Acting Leader of the House) declared that the Australia Card Bill 1986 [No. 2] was an urgent Bill.

Question—That the Bill be considered an urgent Bill—put.

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

## AYES, 74

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

## NOES, 56

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| Mr Adermann         | Mr Cowan         | Mr Hodgman   | Mr Robinson  |
| Mr Aldred           | Mr Dobie         | Mr Hunt      | Mr Rocher    |
| Mr Andrew*          | Mr Downer        | Mr Katter    | Mr Ruddock   |
| Mr Beale            | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Shack     |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Everingham    | Mr McArthur  | Mr Shipton   |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Mr Fife          | Mr McGauran  | Mr Sinclair  |
| Mr N. A. Brown      | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr MacKellar | Mr Slipper   |
| Mr Burr             | Mr P. S. Fisher  | Mr Miles     | Mr Spender   |
| Mr D. M. Cameron    | Mr Goodluck      | Mr Millar    | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mr E. C. Cameron    | Mr Hall          | Mr Moore     | Mr Tuckey    |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Halverson     | Mr Nehl      | Dr Watson    |
| Mr Carlton          | Mr Hawker        | Mr Peacock   | Mr Webster   |
| Mr Cobb             | Mr Hicks*        | Mr Porter    | Mr White     |
| Mr Coleman          | Mr Hodges        | Mr Reith     | Mr Wilson    |

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Allotment of time:* Mr Bowen then moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Bill be as follows:

(a) For the remainder of the committee stage, until 4.45 p.m. this day.

(b) For the remaining stages, until 5 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 92 for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 73

|                 |                  |                 |                |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Mr Baldwin      | Mr Dubois        | Mrs Jakobsen    | Mr Mountford   |
| Mr Beazley      | Mr Duffy         | Mr Jenkins      | Mr O'Keefe     |
| Mr Beppard      | Mr Duncan        | Mr Jones        | Mr O'Neil      |
| Mr Blanchard    | Mr R. F. Edwards | Mrs Kelly       | Mr Price       |
| Dr Blewett      | Ms Fatin         | Mr Kent         | Mr Punch       |
| Mr Bowen        | Mr Fitzgibbon    | Mr Keogh        | Mr Scholes     |
| Mr J. J. Brown  | Mr Free          | Mr Kerin        | Mr Scott       |
| Mr R. J. Brown  | Mr Gayler        | Dr Klugman      | Mr Simmons     |
| Mr Brumby       | Mr Gear          | Mr Lamb         | Mr Snow        |
| Mr Campbell     | Mr Gorman        | Mr Langmore     | Mr Staples     |
| Mr Charles      | Mr Grace         | Mr Lee          | Dr Theophanous |
| Dr Charlesworth | Mr Griffiths     | Mr Lindsay      | Mr Tickner     |
| Mr Chynoweth    | Mr Hand          | Mr Maher        | Mr Uren        |
| Mr Cleeland     | Mr Holding       | Mr Martin       | Mr West        |
| Mr Cohen        | Mr Hollis        | Mrs Mayer       | Mr Willis      |
| Mr Cross        | Mr Howe          | Mr Mildren      | Mr Wright      |
| Mr Cunningham*  | Mr Humphreys*    | Mr Milton       |                |
| Mrs Darling     | Mr Hurford       | Mr A. A. Morris |                |
| Mr Dawkins      | Mr Jacobi        | Mr P. F. Morris |                |

## NOES, 59

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| Mr Adermann         | Mr Conquest      | Mr Hodgman   | Mr Rocher    |
| Mr Aldred           | Mr Cowan         | Mr Hunt      | Mr Ruddock   |
| Mr Andrew*          | Mr Dobie         | Mr Katter    | Mr Shack     |
| Mr Beale            | Mr Downer        | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Sharp     |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Drummond      | Mr McArthur  | Mr Shipton   |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr McGauran  | Mr Sinclair  |
| Mr N. A. Brown      | Mr Fife          | Mr MacKellar | Mr Slipper   |
| Mr Burr             | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr Miles     | Mr Spender   |
| Mr D. M. Cameron    | Mr P. S. Fisher  | Mr Millar    | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mr E. C. Cameron    | Mr Goodluck      | Mr Moore     | Mr Tuckey    |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hall          | Mr Nehl      | Dr Watson    |
| Mr Carlton          | Mr Halverson     | Mr Peacock   | Mr Webster   |
| Mr Cobb             | Mr Hawker        | Mr Porter    | Mr White     |
| Mr Coleman          | Mr Hicks*        | Mr Reith     | Mr Wilson    |
| Mr Connolly         | Mr Hodges        | Mr Robinson  |              |

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 12 AUSTRALIA CARD BILL 1986 [NO. 2]: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

*Limitation of debate:* The time allotted for the remainder of the committee stages having expired—

Question—That clauses 1 to 12 be agreed to—put and passed.

Further question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put.

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

## AYES, 74

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

## NOES, 57

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|---------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mr Adermann         | Mr Conquest      | Mr Hodgman   | Mr Ruddock   |
| Mr Aldred           | Mr Cowan         | Mr Hunt      | Mr Shack     |
| Mr Andrew*          | Mr Dobie         | Mr Katter    | Mr Sharp     |
| Mr Beale            | Mr Downer        | Mr McArthur  | Mr Shipton   |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Drummond      | Mr McGauran  | Mr Sinclair  |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr MacKellar | Mr Slipper   |
| Mr N. A. Brown      | Mr Fife          | Mr Miles     | Mr Spender   |
| Mr Burr             | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr Millar    | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mr D. M. Cameron    | Mr P. S. Fisher  | Mr Moore     | Dr Watson    |
| Mr E. C. Cameron    | Mr Goodluck      | Mr Nehl      | Mr Webster   |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hall          | Mr Peacock   | Mr White     |
| Mr Carlton          | Mr Halverson     | Mr Porter    | Mr Wilson    |
| Mr Cobb             | Mr Hawker        | Mr Reith     |              |
| Mr Coleman          | Mr Hicks*        | Mr Robinson  |              |
| Mr Connolly         | Mr Hodges        | Mr Rocher    |              |

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed; Mr Blanchard reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), the House adopted the report.

Dr Blewett asked leave to move—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Dr Blewett, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of debate:* At 5 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 motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 74

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

NOES, 58

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| Mr Adermann         | Mr Conquest      | Mr Hodgman   | Mr Rocher    |
| Mr Aldred           | Mr Cowan         | Mr Hunt      | Mr Ruddock   |
| Mr Andrew*          | Mr Dobie         | Mr Katter    | Mr Shack     |
| Mr Beale            | Mr Downer        | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Sharp     |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Drummond      | Mr McArthur  | Mr Shipton   |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr McGauran  | Mr Sinclair  |
| Mr N. A. Brown      | Mr Fife          | Mr MacKellar | Mr Slipper   |
| Mr Burr             | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr Miles     | Mr Spender   |
| Mr D. M. Cameron    | Mr P. S. Fisher  | Mr Millar    | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mr E. C. Cameron    | Mr Goodluck      | Mr Moore     | Dr Watson    |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hall          | Mr Nehl      | Mr Webster   |
| Mr Carlton          | Mr Halverson     | Mr Peacock   | Mr White     |
| Mr Cobb             | Mr Hawker        | Mr Porter    | Mr Wilson    |
| Mr Coleman          | Mr Hicks*        | Mr Reith     |              |
| Mr Connolly         | Mr Hodges        | Mr Robinson  |              |

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

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

AYES, 75

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mr Baldwin      | Mr Dawkins       | Mr Jacobi       | Mr P. F. Morris |
| Mr Beazley      | Mr Dubois        | Mrs Jakobsen    | Mr Mountford    |
| Mr Beddall      | Mr Duffy         | Mr Jenkins      | Mr O'Keefe      |
| Mr Bilney       | Mr Duncan        | Mr Jones        | Mr O'Neil       |
| Mr Blanchard    | Mr R. F. Edwards | Mrs Kelly       | Mr Price        |
| Dr Blewett      | Ms Fatin         | Mr Kent         | Mr Punch        |
| Mr Bowen        | Mr Fitzgibbon    | Mr Keogh        | Mr Saunderson   |
| Mr J. J. Brown  | Mr Free          | Mr Kerin        | Mr Scholes      |
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| Mr Brumby       | Mr Gear          | Mr Lamb         | Mr Simmons      |
| Mr Campbell     | Mr Gorman        | Mr Langmore     | Mr Snow         |
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| Dr Charlesworth | Mr Griffiths     | Mr Lindsay      | Dr Theophanous  |
| Mr Chynoweth    | Mr Hand          | Mr Maher        | Mr Tickner      |
| Mr Cleeland     | 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 Humphreys*    | Mr Milton       | Mr Wright       |
| Mrs Darling     | Mr Hurford       | Mr A. A. Morris |                 |

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| Mr Adermann         | Mr Conquest      | Mr Hodgman   | Mr Rocher    |
| Mr Aldred           | Mr Cowan         | Mr Hunt      | Mr Ruddock   |
| Mr Andrew*          | Mr Dobie         | Mr Katter    | Mr Shack     |
| Mr Beale            | Mr Downer        | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Sharp     |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Drummond      | Mr McArthur  | Mr Shipton   |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr McGauran  | Mr Sinclair  |
| Mr N. A. Brown      | Mr Fife          | Mr MacKellar | Mr Slipper   |
| Mr Burr             | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr Miles     | Mr Spender   |
| Mr D. M. Cameron    | Mr P. S. Fisher  | Mr Millar    | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mr E. C. Cameron    | Mr Goodluck      | Mr Moore     | Dr Watson    |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hall          | Mr Nehl      | Mr Webster   |
| Mr Carlton          | Mr Halverson     | Mr Peacock   | Mr White     |
| Mr Cobb             | Mr Hawker        | Mr Porter    | Mr Wilson    |
| Mr Coleman          | Mr Hicks*        | Mr Reith     |              |
| Mr Connolly         | Mr Hodges        | Mr Robinson  |              |

\* Tellers

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

**13 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1986-87—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1986-87:**  
 Message No. 228, dated 25 March 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1987, and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1986-87*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1987, and for other purposes.

Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1986-87*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1987, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hurford 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.

**14 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1986-87—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1986-87:** Message No. 229, dated 25 March 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987, and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1986-87*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987, and for other purposes.

Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1986-87*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hurford 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.

**15 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS, FOR YEAR 1986-87—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1986-87:** Message No. 230, dated 25 March 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987, in relation to—
  - (i) the Department of the Senate;
  - (ii) the Department of the House of Representatives; and
  - (iii) the Department of the Parliamentary Library, and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1986-87*, for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987.

Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1986-87*, for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1987.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hurford 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.

**16 SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to social security.

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.

**17 ABORIGINAL LAND (LAKE CONDAH AND FRAMLINGHAM FOREST) BILL 1987:**

Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the vesting in certain Aboriginal communities of certain land at Lake Condah and Framlingham owned by the State of Victoria, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Mr Holding presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**18 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* to make certain provision for the preservation of the Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Mr Holding presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**19 PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT TAX ASSESSMENT 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.

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

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

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| Mr Adermann         | Mr Connolly      | Mr Hodges    | Mr Ruddock   |
| Mr Aldred           | Mr Conquest      | Mr Hodgman   | Mr Shack     |
| Mr Andrew*          | Mr Cowan         | Mr Hunt      | Mr Sharp     |
| Mr Beale            | Mr Dobie         | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Shipton   |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Downer        | Mr McArthur  | Mr Sinclair  |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr McGauran  | Mr Slipper   |
| Mr N. A. Brown      | Mr Fife          | Mr MacKellar | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mr Burr             | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr Miles     | Dr Watson    |
| Mr D. M. Cameron    | Mr P. S. Fisher  | Mr Millar    | Mr Webster   |
| Mr E. C. Cameron    | Mr Goodluck      | Mr Nehl      | Mr White     |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hall          | Mr Porter    | Mr Wilson    |
| Mr Carlton          | Mr Halverson     | Mr Reith     |              |
| Mr Cobb             | Mr Hawker        | Mr Robinson  |              |
| Mr Coleman          | Mr Hicks*        | Mr Rocher    |              |

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

*Amendments—**Clause 2—*

Page 2, after the definition of “employee amenities” insert the following definition:

“‘excluded commodity’ means a marketable petroleum commodity that—

- (a) has been sold;
- (b) after being produced, has been further processed or treated;
- (c) has been moved away from the place of its production other than to a storage site adjacent to that place; or
- (d) has been moved away from a storage site adjacent to the place of its production;”

Page 5, after the definition of “registered holder” insert the following definition:

“‘re-inject’, in relation to a marketable petroleum commodity produced from petroleum recovered from the eligible exploration or recovery area in relation to a petroleum project, means return the commodity to a natural reservoir in—

- (a) where the return takes place before any production licence in relation to the project comes into force—any area from which the recovery of petroleum would, at the time of the return, constitute recovery of petroleum from the eligible exploration or recovery area in relation to the project; and
- (b) in any other case—the production licence area or any of the production licence areas in relation to the project;”

Page 5, after the definition of “trustee” insert the following definition:

“‘unincorporated association’ does not include a joint venture;”

*Clause 8—*

Page 8, line 23, after “is” insert “liable to be”.

Page 8, line 25, omit “paid or”, substitute “liable to be”.

Clause 9, page 8, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

**Amounts credited, reinvested, &c., to be taken to be receivable**

“9. An amount shall be taken to have been receivable by a person although it is not actually to be paid over to the person but is to be reinvested, accumulated, capitalised, carried to any reserve, sinking fund or insurance fund however designated, or otherwise dealt with on behalf of the person or as the person directs.”

Clause 19, page 13, after subparagraph (4) (b) (ii) insert the following subparagraph:

“(iia) operations and facilities involved in the moving or storage of any such marketable petroleum commodity before it becomes an excluded commodity;”.

Clause 20—

Page 14, after subclause (3) insert the following subclause:

“(3A) The Minister shall not accept or comply with any application or request (other than from an officer in the performance of his or her duties) for the issue of a certificate under subsection (1) in respect of petroleum projects unless the application or request is from a person who is, or from persons who together are, entitled to receive at least half of the receipts from the sale of marketable petroleum commodities produced in relation to each of the projects.”.

Page 15, line 14, after “person” insert “or persons”.

Clause 24, pages 16-17, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

**Assessable petroleum receipts**

“24. For the purposes of this Act, a reference to assessable petroleum receipts derived by a person in relation to a petroleum project is a reference to—

- (a) where any petroleum, or a constituent of petroleum, recovered from the production licence area or areas in relation to the project is or was sold, whether processed or unprocessed, before any marketable petroleum commodity is or was produced from it—the consideration receivable, less any expenses payable, by the person in relation to the sale;
- (b) where any marketable petroleum commodity produced from petroleum recovered from the area or areas to which paragraph (a) applies becomes or became an excluded commodity by virtue of being sold—the consideration receivable, less any expenses payable, by the person in relation to the sale; and
- (c) where any marketable petroleum commodity produced from petroleum recovered from the area or areas to which paragraph (a) applies becomes or became an excluded commodity otherwise than by virtue of being—
  - (i) sold; or
  - (ii) treated or processed, or moved, for re-injection or destruction or for use in carrying on or providing operations, facilities or other things of a kind referred to in section 37, 38 or 39 in relation to the petroleum project,

so much of the market value of the commodity immediately before it becomes or became an excluded commodity, or, where there is insufficient evidence of that market value, of such amount as, in the opinion of the Commissioner, is fair and reasonable, as is taken by section 26 to be derived by the person.”.

Clause 25, page 17, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

**Assessable exploration recovery receipts**

“25. For the purposes of this Act, a reference to assessable exploration recovery receipts derived by a person in relation to a petroleum project is a reference to—

- (a) where any petroleum, or a constituent of petroleum, recovered from the eligible exploration or recovery area (other than any production licence area) in relation to the project is or was sold, whether processed or unprocessed, before any marketable petroleum commodity is or was produced from it—the consideration receivable, less any expenses payable, by the person in relation to the sale;
- (b) where any marketable petroleum commodity produced from petroleum recovered from the area to which paragraph (a) applies becomes or

became an excluded commodity by virtue of being sold—the consideration receivable, less any expenses payable, by the person in relation to the sale; and

- (c) where any marketable petroleum commodity produced from petroleum recovered from the area to which paragraph (a) applies becomes or became an excluded commodity otherwise than by virtue of being—
- (i) sold; or
  - (ii) treated or processed, or moved, for re-injection or destruction or for use in carrying on or providing operations, facilities or other things of a kind referred to in section 37, 38 or 39 in relation to the petroleum project,
- so much of the market value of the commodity immediately before it becomes or became an excluded commodity, or, where there is insufficient evidence of that market value, of such amount as, in the opinion of the Commissioner, is fair and reasonable, as is taken by section 26 to be derived by the person.”.

Clause 26, page 17, lines 44–46, and page 18, lines 1–4, omit all the words from and including “Where” to and including “to the petroleum, constituent or”, substitute “Where paragraph 24 (c) or 25 (c) applies in relation to any marketable petroleum commodity, the market value or other amount referred to in that paragraph in relation to the”.

Clause 27—

- Page 18, line 14, omit “received”, substitute “receivable”.
- Page 18, line 23, omit “received”, substitute “receivable”.
- Page 18, line 27, omit “received”, substitute “receivable”.
- Page 18, line 32, omit “received”, substitute “receivable”.
- Page 19, line 10, omit “received”, substitute “receivable”.

Clause 28—

- Page 19, line 16, omit “received”, substitute “receivable”.
- Page 19, after subparagraph (a) (i) insert the following subparagraph:
  - “(ia) the loss or destruction, or the loss of any profit caused by the loss or destruction, of any marketable petroleum commodity produced from petroleum recovered from the area referred to in sub-paragraph (i), being a loss or destruction that occurred before the commodity became an excluded commodity; or”.
- Page 19, line 29, omit “received”, substitute “receivable”.

Clause 29, page 19, line 40, omit “received”, substitute “receivable”.

Clause 37—

- Page 25, line 36, before “made” insert “liable to be”.
- Page 26, after subparagraph (1) (b) (iii) insert the following subparagraph:
  - “(iia) operations and facilities involved in the moving or storage of any such marketable petroleum commodity before it becomes an excluded commodity;”.
- Page 26, line 13, omit “the payment of”.
- Page 26, line 14, before “in relation to” insert “liable to be paid by the person”.
- Page 26, line 19, omit “the payment during that period of any”, substitute “any liability incurred during that period to pay an”.

Clause 38—

- Page 26, line 30, before “made” insert “liable to be”.
- Page 26, line 36, omit “the payment of”.
- Page 26, line 37, before “in relation to” insert “liable to be paid by the person”.
- Page 26, line 43, before “made” insert “liable to be”.

*New clause—*

Page 27, after clause 39 insert the following new clause:

**Bad debts**

“39A. (1) Where—

- (a) a debt is a bad debt and is written off as such by a person during a financial year; and
  - (b) the debt has been brought to account by the person as a receipt of a kind referred to in section 24, 25, 27, 28 or 29 derived by the person in any financial year in relation to a petroleum project,
- then, at the time at which the debt is written off and in relation to—
- (c) the petroleum project; or
  - (d) if, at that time, there is a combined project in relation to which the petroleum project is a pre-combination project—the combined project,
- the person shall be taken for the purposes of this Act to have incurred an amount of—
- (e) where at or before the time at which the debt is written off the person has not incurred any general project expenditure or closing-down expenditure in relation to the petroleum project or the combined project (including any pre-combination project in relation to the project)—exploration expenditure;
  - (f) where at or before the time at which the debt is written off the person has incurred general project expenditure, but has not incurred any closing-down expenditure, in relation to the petroleum project or the combined project (including any pre-combination project in relation to the project)—general project expenditure; or
  - (g) where at or before the time at which the debt is written off the person has incurred closing-down expenditure in relation to the petroleum project or the combined project—closing-down expenditure,
- equal to the amount of the debt.

“(2) If a debtor, after incurring a debt that has been brought to account as mentioned in paragraph (1) (b), becomes bankrupt or executes a deed of assignment or arrangement for the benefit of creditors—

- (a) where, in the opinion of the Commissioner, no amount will be paid on account of the debt—the debt; or
- (b) where, in the opinion of the Commissioner, an amount less than the amount of the debt will be paid on account of the debt—so much of the debt as exceeds the amount that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, will be so paid,

shall be deemed to be a bad debt.

“(3) Where a person receives an amount in respect of a debt to which subsection (1) applies, that amount shall for the purposes of this Act be taken to be a receipt of the kind referred to in paragraph (1) (b) derived by the person in relation to—

- (a) the petroleum project referred to in that paragraph; or
- (b) if, at the time at which the amount is received, there is a combined project in relation to which the petroleum project referred to in that paragraph is a pre-combination project—the combined project.”.

*Amendments—*

## Clause 40—

Page 27, line 5, omit “makes or made”, substitute “incurs or incurred a liability to make”.

Page 27, line 11, omit “the payment shall be taken to have been made”, substitute “the liability shall be taken to have been incurred”.

Clause 47, page 30, at the end of the clause add the following word and paragraph:

“; and (f) in any application of section 39A after the transfer time, the purchaser shall be taken to have brought to account as a receipt of a

kind referred to in section 24, 25, 27, 28 or 29 in relation to the project (including any pre-combination project in relation to the project) any debt so brought to account by the vendor.”.

Clause 56—

Page 34, line 28, omit “26,”.

Page 35, line 3, omit “26,”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hurford, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 **PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT TAX 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 **PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT TAX (INTEREST ON UNDERPAYMENTS) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 **PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT TAX (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES) BILL 1987:** 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—

Mr N. A. Brown (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived:* It being 7.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued by Mr N. A. Brown who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House is of the opinion that the Bill not be proceeded with until it has been examined by the Business Regulation Review Unit in accordance with the procedures announced by the Government on 9 January 1987 for the review of government proposals affecting business regulation and until the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations prepares a Regulation Impact Statement on the proposals contained in the Bill”.

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

24 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPER:** The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 25 March 1987:  
Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement of disclosure of information—1987—No. 3—List of names and addresses of agricultural establishments for Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Jull, Ms McHugh, Mr Macphee, Mr Smith and Mr Young.

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