

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 162

MONDAY, 30 MARCH 1987

- 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 **COMMONWEALTH AND SEANORTH PTY LTD—VARIATION AGREEMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:
Fisheries Act—Copy of variation agreement between the Commonwealth and Seanorth Pty Ltd, dated 20 February 1987.
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.
- 4 **EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON LIGHTHOUSES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) presented the following paper:
Expenditure—Standing Committee—Report, entitled “Lighthouses: Do we keep the keepers?”—Statement by Mr P. F. Morris, Minister for Transport.
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.
- 5 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Nehl and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans’ Affairs remain a separate department.
 - Mr Kent, Mr Milton, Mr Scott and Mr Staples—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 Cadman, 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 Beale and Mr Cleeland—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
 - Mr Cleeland and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 - 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.
 - 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 Milton and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that Australia use its influence to establish a nuclear test moratorium and comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

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

Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain citizens praying that any act which would desecrate the Australian War Memorial be prevented.

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 family allowance payments be increased and proposed changes to the spouse rebate be rejected.

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

Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar, NSW, be retained.

Mr Saunderson—from certain citizens; and Mr Staples—from certain residents of the Division of Jagajaga praying that tertiary education remain free to all students.

Petitions received.

- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOUSING:** The House was informed that Mr Beale had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The housing crisis and its effect on Australian families".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beale addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 7 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Free, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of delegation to the European parliamentary institutions and the Federal Republic of Germany, 1986.

Mr Free and Mr Staples, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 8 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 231, dated 18 March 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill. Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith. On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

9 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now a second time—
Debate resumed.

10 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 March 1987:

Crimes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 43.
Dairy Produce Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 42.
Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1987—
No. 4—Export Control (Fees) as amended (Amendment).
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1987—
No. 1 (Magistrates Court Ordinance).
No. 2 (Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) Ordinance).
Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 41.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Shack.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives