

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 167

WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 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 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

28 April 1987—Message No. 417—Television Licence Fees Amendment 1986.

3 **DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Fife, viz.—* That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the passage of the Bill, this House—

- (1) expresses concern that the establishment of this statutory authority may not best address the housing needs of service men and women;
- (2) regrets the failure of the Government to allow adequately for private home ownership requirements of the Australian Defence Force, and
- (3) urges greater delegation of financial responsibility to base and area commanders for the acquisition, repair and maintenance of defence housing, with appropriate audit controls”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—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.

Mr Spender moved the following amendment: Clause 12, page 7, omit paragraph (e) of subclause (1), substitute the following paragraph:

“(e) 3 members from the private sector, 1 of whom shall have experience in housing finance and another of whom shall have experience in housing project development.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

4 EGG INDUSTRY RESEARCH (HEN QUOTA) LEVY 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.

Paper: Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, presented the following paper:

Egg industry research funding arrangements—Copy of telex message from Mr D. Dean, Executive Officer, Australian Council of Egg Producers, to Mr G. E. Pettit, Assistant Secretary, Department of Primary Industry, dated 20 May 1986.

Debate continued.

Mr Andrew addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Grace and Mr Langmore—from certain citizens praying that pension adjustments related to November and May CPI increases be not deferred but paid immediately.

Mr Braithwaite and Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

Mr Hunt and Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that the pension discounting effect of the Superannuation and Other Benefits Legislation Amendment Act be limited to restore the base level for pension adjustment and certain other action be taken in relation to the Commonwealth Occupational Superannuation Schemes.

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

Mr Shack and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be restored to their 1976 real money value and certain other action be taken in relation to family allowance payments.

Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that Veterans' Affairs pharmaceutical benefits be restored to war widows.

Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that a wealth tax not be introduced.

Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

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 D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the proposed introduction of a \$2 coin not proceed.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that Ranjeet Singh Heer and Parmjeet Kaur Heer be allowed to remain in Australia.

Mr Porter—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the Soviet Foreign Minister be approached to seek the release of Raoul Wallenberg and his return to Sweden.

Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying that new initiatives be taken to encourage all member states of the United Nations to conclude a treaty banning all nuclear weapons tests and that certain other action be taken in relation to nuclear weapons tests.

Petitions received.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FAMILY LIVING STANDARDS:

The House was informed that Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need to restore incentive and hope to Australian families whose living standards have declined under the disastrous policies of the Hawke Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

9 STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1987:

Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Dawkins presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

10 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1987: Mr Dawkins

(Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1984*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Dawkins presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

11 STATES GRANTS (EDUCATION ASSISTANCE—PARTICIPATION AND EQUITY)

AMENDMENT BILL 1987: Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Act 1983*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Dawkins presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

- Debate adjourned (Mr Beale), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 BROADCASTING (OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL) BILL 1987:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Act 1942*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Duffy moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Duffy presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Beale), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1982*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Jones presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Cadman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Jones presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Cadman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 CUSTOMS (VALUATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901* in relation to the valuation of imported goods, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Jones presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Cadman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 EGG INDUSTRY RESEARCH (HEN QUOTA) LEVY 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.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Trade), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 EGG INDUSTRY RESEARCH (HEN QUOTA) LEVY COLLECTION 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—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 238, dated 18 March 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Trade), the Bill was read a third time.

18 SOCIAL SECURITY 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.

Mr Goodluck addressing the House—

19 ADJOURNMENT: It being 7.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 April 1987:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statements relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Merit Protection and Review Agency—Report for 1985-86.

Public Service Act—Determination—1987—No. 19.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1987/6—Principal Member, Superannuation Fund Investment Trust, and holders of public offices on other bodies.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bowen, Mr Everingham, Mr Fife, Mr Hurford, Mr Jull, Mr Kent, Mr Kerin, Mr Uren and Mr Wilson.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives