

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 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 **MINISTERIAL AND DEPARTMENTAL STRUCTURE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**
Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of significant changes to the structure of the Ministry and of Government departments.

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition presenting forthwith an Australia Card Referendum Bill 1987 which, in conjunction with an amendment to be moved to the Australia Card Bill 1986, will require the proposed introduction of an Australia Card to be submitted to, and approved by, a referendum of the Australian people.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 52

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Millar	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bilney	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Dr Blewett	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerr	Mr Scott
Mr Bowen	Mr Gear	Dr Klugman	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Lamb*	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Grace	Mr Langmore	Mr Snowdon
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Tickner
Mr Cleeland	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Mr Uren
Mr Courtice	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr West
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young
Mrs Darling	Mr Humphreys	Mr Mountford	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Hurford	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 5 DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:** The following warrant nominating Deputy Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid upon the Table:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate—

Cecil Allen Blanchard,
David Bruce Cowan,
Elaine Elizabeth Darling,
James Donald Mathieson Dobie,
Ronald Frederick Edwards,
John Barry Mildren,
Percival Clarence Millar,
John Graham Mountford,
Allan Charles Rocher, and
Philip Maxwell Ruddock

to act as Deputy Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand on 15 September 1987.

JOAN CHILD
Speaker

- 6 REGISTRAR OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** The House was informed that Madam Speaker, in accordance with the resolutions of the House providing for the registration and declaration of Members' Interests, had appointed Mr L. M. Barlin, Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives, as Registrar of Members' Interests.
- 7 PAPERS:** The Deputy Speaker, for Madam Speaker, presented the following papers: House of Representatives and joint committees—Release of evidence and records—Report by the Speaker for period 11 February 1986 to 5 June 1987. Public Service Act—Joint House Department—Report for 1986-87. Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.

8 **PAPER:** Mr Spender, during a personal explanation, by leave, presented the following paper:

Mr Spender, QC, MP, Visit to Belgrade, Yugoslavia—Memo from Mr J. H. A. Hoyle, Ambassador, concerning Mr Spender's appointments with Yugoslavian Government officials, dated 24 August 1987.

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

Mr Aldred, Mr Beazley, Mr Cohen, Mr Dawkins, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker, Mr Holding, Mr Hunt, Mrs Kelly, Mr Langmore, Mr Lindsay, Mr McArthur, Mr Mildren, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Peacock, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shack, Mr Shipton, Mr Snow, Mr Spender, Mr Uren and Mr Webster—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.

Mr Langmore—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr Aldred, Mr Hawker, Mr Holding, Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Jones, Mr Kent, Mr McArthur, Mr Milton, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Peacock, Mr Reith, Mr Scholes, Mr Scott and Mr Snow—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 Burr, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Carlton, Mr Dobie, Mr Hawker, Mr Jull, Mr Moore, Mr Peacock, Mr Reith, Mr Rocher, Mr Ruddock and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.

Mr Carlton, Mr Dobie, Mr Fife, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Jull and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken within the Australian Taxation Office and other departments to counter tax evasion and fraudulent practices.

Mr Cowan, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Millar, Mr Shack and Mr Webster—from certain citizens; and Mr Cowan and Mr Robinson from certain residents of the Divisions of Page and Lyne, respectively, praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

Mr Duncan, Mr Jull, Mr Kerin and Mr Lindsay—from certain citizens praying that all action to close Telecom business offices cease immediately.

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

Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr McArthur and Mr Shack—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Cunningham and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.

Mr Andrew and Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.

Mr Hawker and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that the proposed introduction of a \$2 coin not proceed.

Mr Langmore and Mr Snow—from certain citizens praying that amendments to ACT legislation and customs regulations which permit the distribution of pornographic material be reversed.

Mr Rocher and Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that the importation and possession of child pornography be made a criminal offence and certain other action be taken in relation to pornography in the ACT.

Mr Uren and Mr Webster—from certain citizens praying that funding for Adult Migrant Education Service teaching programs in NSW be restored to 1986 levels and increased in the 1987 Budget.

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

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 capital gains tax be repealed.
- Mr N. A. Brown—from certain citizens praying that the decision of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission to downgrade the podiatry degree course at the Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences, Vic., not be implemented.
- Dr Charlesworth—from certain citizens praying that all foreign military bases be removed, all visits by foreign nuclear powered and armed warships be halted and the mining and export of uranium be banned.
- Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Australia Card be opposed.
- Mr Fitzgibbon—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent people being forced into subscribing to private health insurance.
- Mr Fitzgibbon—from certain senior citizens and pensioners praying that an Allendale type nursing hospital be established in the Maitland, NSW, area.
- Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that all legislation banning the sale of "R" classification video movies be stayed pending certain action being taken.
- Mr Hunt—from certain citizens praying that the problems which identification cards are intended to reduce be attacked by other methods.
- Mr Hunt—from certain residents of the Division of Gwydir praying that a wealth tax not be introduced.
- Mr Hunt—from certain residents of the Upper Hunter, NSW, praying that the proposal by Telecom to meter local calls be abandoned.
- Mrs Jakobsen—from certain citizens praying that all child pornography entering or being produced in Australia be banned.
- Mrs Jakobsen—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.
- Mr Langmore—from certain citizens praying that a Royal Commission be appointed to review custodial practices in relation to Aborigines.
- Mr Langmore—from certain citizens praying that the proposed road along the eastern boundary of the National Botanic Gardens not be built and alternate measures for access to Gungahlin, ACT, be implemented.
- Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Constitution be reformed in order to recognise significant public expressions of concern.
- Mr Mildren—from certain residents of Victoria praying that action be taken to ensure that a fairer share of road taxes and fuel excise is allocated to road construction and maintenance.
- Mr Mildren—from certain residents of Victoria praying that road funding be increased to a level that will arrest the deterioration of the road system.
- Mr Millar—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that the US Government be urged to join the Soviet Union's nuclear test ban.
- Mr Milton—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the decision to sell uranium to France be reversed.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that legislation for any type of national identity system be abandoned.
- Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that permanent professional fire and ambulance services remain in Woomera, SA.
- Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that pension adjustments related to November and May CPI increases not be deferred but paid immediately.
- Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that the Joint Select Committee on Video Material release its recommendations, and that certain other action be taken in relation to violent and damaging videos.

Mr Sinclair—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 Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Card Bill be withdrawn, and if reintroduced, be rejected.

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.

Petitions received.

10 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIA CARD: The House was informed that Mr Tuckey had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Prime Minister to heed or adequately explain the legitimate concerns of the Australian people regarding the effects and effectiveness of the Australia Card".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Tuckey rising to address the House—

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beedall	Mr Duncan	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerr	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Dr Klugman	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lamb*	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Langmore	Mr Snowdon
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lavarch	Mr Staples
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hand	Mr Lee	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cleland	Mrs Harvey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Tickner
Mr Courtice	Mr Hayden	Ms McHugh	Mr Uren
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr Mildren	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr P. F. Morris	

NOES, 53

Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mr Tuckey
Mr Burr	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Webster
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher	
Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Shack	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11 DAYS AND HOURS OF SITTING AND BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—SESSIONAL ORDERS: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendments to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

Days and hours of meeting

Standing order 40 be amended to read:

40. Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business:

- (a) in the first sitting week, on:
 - Tuesday, at 2 p.m.
 - Wednesday, at 10 a.m.
 - Thursday, at 10 a.m.
 - Friday, at 10 a.m.; and
- (b) in the second sitting week, on:
 - Monday, at 2 p.m.
 - Tuesday, at 2 p.m.
 - Wednesday, at 10 a.m.
 - Thursday, at 10 a.m.

From the termination of the last sitting in the second week, the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday after the termination, unless the Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting. The 4-weekly cycle will then be repeated.

Adjournment and next meeting

Standing order 48A be amended to read:

48A. At 10.15 p.m. on each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, at 7.15 p.m. on each Wednesday and 3.45 p.m. on each Friday the Speaker shall propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question will be open to debate; if the House is in committee at the time stated, the chairman shall report progress and upon such report being made the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate. No amendment may be moved to this question:

Provided that:

- (a) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced;
- (b) if, on the question—That the House do now adjourn—being proposed, a Minister requires the question to be put forthwith without debate, the Speaker shall forthwith put the question;
- (c) a motion for the adjournment of the House may be moved by a Minister at an earlier hour;
- (d) any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting; and
- (e) if the question—That the House do now adjourn—is negatived, the House or committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted:

Provided further that, if at 11 p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, at 8 p.m. on a Wednesday or at 4.30 p.m. on a Friday the question before the House is—That the House do now adjourn—the Speaker shall interrupt the debate, at which time—

- (f) a Minister may require that the debate be extended until 11.10 p.m., 8.10 p.m. or 4.40 p.m., as the case may be, to enable Ministers to speak in reply to matters raised in the preceding adjournment debate; at 11.10 p.m., 8.10 p.m. or 4.40 p.m., as the case may be, or upon the earlier cessation of the debate, the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting; or

- (g) if no action is taken by a Minister under paragraph (f), the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.

Routine of business

Standing order 101 be amended to read:

101. The House shall proceed on the days indicated with its ordinary business in the following routine:

Monday and Tuesday

1. Questions without notice. 2. Presentation of papers. 3. Ministerial statements, by leave. 4. Presentation of petitions. 5. Matter of public importance. 6. Notices and orders of the day.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

1. Notices and orders of the day. 2. Grievance debate or general business (at 12.45 p.m. on Thursday only). 3. Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.) 4. Presentation of papers. 5. Ministerial statements, by leave. 6. Presentation of petitions. 7. Matter of public importance. 8. Notices and orders of the day.

Question time

New standing order 101A be inserted:

101A. At approximately 12.45 p.m. on each Wednesday and Friday the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House in order that questions without notice can be called on at 2 p.m.:

Provided that:

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced; and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

Precedence for government and general business

Standing order 104 be amended to read:

104. Unless otherwise ordered, government business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other business, except that on the sitting Thursday alternate to the sitting Thursday to which standing order 106 applies, general business shall have precedence of government business commencing at approximately 12.45 p.m. At 2 p.m. the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House and forthwith call on questions without notice:

Provided that:

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced; and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

Grievance debate

Standing order 106 be amended to read:

106. Notwithstanding standing order 105, the first order of the day, government business, on each alternate sitting Thursday commencing with the first sitting Thursday after the Address in Reply to the Governor-General's Speech has been adopted shall be a question to be proposed by the Speaker "That grievances be noted" to which question any Member may address the House or move any amendment.

The order of the day shall stand postponed until 12.45 p.m. and, if consideration of the question has not been concluded at 2 p.m., the debate thereon shall be interrupted and the Speaker shall put any questions then before the House, and, after resolution of those questions, shall forthwith call on questions without notice.

General business and grievance debate

New standing order 106A be inserted:

106A. At approximately 12.45 p.m. on each Thursday the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House in order that general business or grievance debate, as the case may be, can be called on:

Provided that:

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced; and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

Matter of public importance

Standing order 107 be amended by omitting "at least one hour before the time fixed for the meeting of the House" and substituting "not later than 12 noon on each sitting day".

General business—priority to notices

Standing order 109 be amended by omitting "for 2 hours after the meeting of the House" and substituting "until 1.45 p.m.".

Petition to be lodged with Clerk

Standing order 112 be amended to read:

112. Every petition shall be lodged with the Clerk by 5 p.m. on the working day previous to the meeting of the House at which it is proposed that it be presented.

Notices of motion

Standing orders 133, 135 and 139 be amended to read:

133. Notice of motion shall be given by a Member by delivering a fair copy of its terms to the Clerk at the Table. The notice must be signed by the Member and seconder and show the day proposed for moving the motion.

A notice of motion which expresses a censure of, or want of confidence in the Government, or a censure of any Member, shall be reported to the House by the Clerk at the first convenient opportunity.

135. Subject to the provisions of standing orders 105, 133 and 211 the notices shall be entered by the Clerk on the Notice Paper, in priority of orders of the day, in the order in which they were received:

Provided that:

- (a) general business notices shall be entered on the Notice Paper in such an order that, as far as possible, priority shall alternate between Opposition and Government Members; and
- (b) 2 notices received from the same Member shall not be placed consecutively in priority of a notice received from another Member during the same sitting.

139. A Member who has given a notice of motion may alter its terms by notifying the Clerk in writing within such time as will enable the alteration to be made in the Notice Paper.

Initiation of bills

Standing order 211 be amended to read:

211. (a) A bill (unless received from the Senate) shall be initiated by a motion for leave to bring in a bill specifying its title, by an order of the House, on the calling on of a notice of presentation, or in accordance with the provisions of standing order 291.
- (b) Notice of intention to present a bill shall be given by a Member by delivering a copy of its terms to the Clerk at the Table.
- (c) A notice of intention to present a bill shall specify its title and the day for presentation, and shall be signed by the Member and, at least, one other Member.
- (d) The standing orders shall, to the necessary extent, be applied and read as if a notice of presentation were a notice of motion.

Divisions and quorums

In all standing orders, except standing order 200A, relating to the taking of a division or the counting of the House or committee for quorum purposes, any reference to 2 minutes be omitted and 3 minutes substituted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON DAYS AND HOURS OF SITTING AND THE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE TIME OF THE HOUSE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) presented the following paper:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report on days and hours of sitting and the effective use of the time of the House—Government response—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 13 **AUSTRALIA CARD BILL 1986:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for a national identification system involving the issue of a card to be known as the Australia Card.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Dr Blewett presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 14 **PRIVACY BILL 1986:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision to protect the privacy of natural persons, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Bowen presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Privacy Bill 1986.

Privacy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1986.

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

- 15 **PRIVACY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make certain amendments in consequence of the enactment of the *Privacy Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 16 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Ms Crawford presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed on 14 September 1987, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Ms Crawford moved—That the Address be agreed to.

Mr Kerr seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mrs Harvey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 1987-88—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1987-88—BUDGET SPEECH: Message No. 1, dated 15 September 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending 30 June 1988; 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 for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1988, and for related purposes.

Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1988, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Keating moved—That the Bill be now read a second time, and delivered the budget speech.

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

18 PAPERS: Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented the following papers:

- Budget statements 1987-88 (Budget paper No. 1).
- The Commonwealth public account 1987-88 (Budget paper No. 2).
- Portfolio program estimates 1987-88 (Budget paper No. 3).
- Commonwealth financial relations with other levels of Government 1987-88 (Budget paper No. 4).
- Government securities on issue at 30 June 1987 (Budget related paper No. 1).
- National income and expenditure 1986-87 (Budget related paper No. 2).
- Income tax statistics (Budget related paper No. 3).
- Australia's overseas aid program 1987-88 (Budget related paper No. 4).
- Commonwealth capital works program 1987-88 (Budget related paper No. 5).
- Australian Capital Territory budget 1987-88 (Budget related paper No. 7).

Severally ordered to be printed.

19 PAPER: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

- Women's budget statement 1987-88 (Budget related paper No. 6).

20 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1987-88—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1987-88: Message No. 2, dated 15 September 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending 30 June 1988; 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 for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1988, and for related purposes.

Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1988, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 21 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS, FOR YEAR 1987-88—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1987-88:** Message No. 3, dated 15 September 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending 30 June 1988, in relation to:
- (i) the Department of the Senate;
 - (ii) the Department of the House of Representatives;
 - (iii) the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff;
 - (iv) the Department of the Parliamentary Library; and
 - (v) the Joint House Department; 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 for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1988.

Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1988.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 22 **STATES GRANTS (GENERAL REVENUE) AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (General Revenue) Act 1985*.

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 Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 23 **STATES (WORKS AND HOUSING) ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States (Works and Housing) Assistance Act 1985*, and 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.

- 24 **LOANS BILL 1987:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Finance), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to authorise the borrowing and expending of money for certain purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 25 **PAPER:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) presented the following paper:
 Skills formation in Australia (Budget related paper No. 9).
 Ordered to be printed.
- 26 **AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Duncan (Minister for Land Transport and Infrastructure Support), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Land Transport (Financial Assistance) Act 1985*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Duncan moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Duncan 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.
- 27 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Small Business) moved—
 Customs Tariff (Uranium Concentrate Export Duty) Proposals No. 1 (1987).
 Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 28 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Small Business) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.
 And then the House, at 8.29 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 September 1987:
 Bounty (Books) Act—Declaration of recognised educational institutions pursuant to subsection 4 (1), dated 5 August 1987.
 Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Notices for the purpose of subsection 13 (1A), dated 3 and 28 June 1987.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Cohen, Mr Duffy, Mr Macphee, Mr A. A. Morris and Mrs Sullivan.

A. R. BROWNING
 Clerk of the House of Representatives