

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 11

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1987

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1987-88:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport and Communications, \$1,189,592,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs, \$196,653,000—debated.

Paper: Mr I. M. D. Cameron, by leave, presented the following paper:

Road grants to the States—Chart published on page 205 of Budget statements 1987-88 (Budget paper No. 1).

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services, \$1,355,369,000—debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Ruddock 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 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.
 - Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee—Report for 1986-87.
 - Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.

5 CHRISTMAS ISLAND CASINO/HOTEL—AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND CHRISTMAS ISLAND CASINO RESORT PTY LTD AND OTHERS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories) presented the following paper:

Christmas Island Casino/Hotel—Copy of agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Christmas Island Casino Resort Pty Ltd, Francis Philip Woodmore, F. P. Woodmore Pty Ltd and Selected Equities Limited relating to the construction and operation of a Casino/Hotel on Christmas Island, made on 4 June 1987.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) 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.

6 MINISTER FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS—VISIT TO NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Duffy (Minister for Trade Negotiations), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning his recent visit to Canada, the United States of America, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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

Mr Carlton, Mr Connolly, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr McArthur, Mr Moore and Mr Shack—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 Andrew, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Downer, Mr Hall and Mrs Sullivan—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.

Mr Cadman, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Sinclair, Mr Shack and Mr Webster—from certain citizens; and Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Cowan from certain residents of the Divisions of Maranoa and Lyne, respectively, praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

Mr Downer and Mr Millar—from certain citizens; and Mr Blunt and Mr Lloyd from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Murray, respectively, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Halverson, Mr Jull, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shipton and Mrs Sullivan—from certain citizens praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.

Mr Halverson, 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 Cadman, Mr Grace and Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying that the major recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on the Human Embryo Experimentation Bill 1985 be implemented without delay.

Mr Blanchard and Mr Gear—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 Blanchard and Mr Prosser—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Card Bill be withdrawn and, if reintroduced, be rejected.

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

Mr Braithwaite and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the circulation of X-rated videos be prevented and laws regarding obscenity in the media be revived and enforced.

Ms Crawford and Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that all action to close Telecom business offices cease immediately.

Mr Jull and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Card legislation be withdrawn.

Mr Nehl and Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that legislation for any type of national identity system be abandoned.

Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the capital gains tax be repealed.

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

Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the Industrial Relations Bill be rejected.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that Telecom not proceed with timing local telephone calls.

Ms Crawford—from certain citizens praying that the findings of the joint staffing review of the Department of Social Security be accepted and staffing levels of the Department be increased.

Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain citizens praying that a treaty granting Aboriginal land rights be concluded before 1988.

Mr Hawke—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 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 Lloyd—from certain residents of the Division of Murray praying that the Health Insurance Act and the National Health Act be amended to restore the rebates which were withdrawn following changes to Medicare benefits on 1 August 1987.

Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent the implementation of the Australia Card legislation.

Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that the proposed closure of the Army Reserve subsection at Macksville, NSW, be stopped and a permanent depot be built.

Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the public telephone service in Harkaway, Vic., be restored.

Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the problems which identification cards are intended to reduce be attacked by other methods.

Mrs Sullivan—from certain residents of the Beaudesert district, Qld, praying that the proposal to meter local telephone calls by Telecom be reconsidered.

Petitions received.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AIRLINE INDUSTRY DEREGULATION: 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 necessity for the Government immediately to implement the next stage of deregulation of the Australian airline industry by giving effect to its commitment to privatise Australian Airlines".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beale addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Young (Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Young moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Young presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 **AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK INDUSTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain legislation relating to the Australian meat and live-stock industry, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 **LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGES COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Inspection Charges Collection Act 1985*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:
 Export Inspection Charges Collection Amendment 1987.
 Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Amendment 1987.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **EXPORT INSPECTION (ESTABLISHMENT REGISTRATION CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charge) Act 1985*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Lloyd—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **SEA INSTALLATIONS BILL 1987:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories) presented a Bill for an Act relating to certain installations in the sea.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr J. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 16 **SEA INSTALLATIONS LEVY BILL 1987:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy in respect of certain sea installations.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr J. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 17 **SEA INSTALLATIONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1987:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories) presented a Bill for an Act to apply the provisions of certain Acts to sea installations, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr J. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 18 **COMMONWEALTH BORROWING LEVY BILL 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy in respect of borrowings of money by certain bodies.

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

- 19 **COMMONWEALTH BORROWING LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the collection of levy imposed by the *Commonwealth Borrowing Levy Act 1987*, 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 Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 20 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1987:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Small Business) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1987*.

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

- 21 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1987-88:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services, \$1,355,369,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, \$1,229,496,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment, Education and Training, \$1,825,267,000—debated.

Mr Lindsay addressing the committee—

It being 10.15 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Ruddock reported accordingly.

Adjournment negated: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Holding (Minister for Employment Services and Youth Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Ruddock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

22 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Holding (Minister for Employment Services and Youth Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 October 1987:

Health Insurance Act—

Approvals pursuant to subsection 23DB (1), dated 28 May 1987 (2).

Determinations pursuant to—

Sections—

4BA, dated 21 July 1987.

4BB, dated 21 July 1987.

Subsections—

23DN (2), dated 28 May 1987.

78C (2), dated 21 July 1987.

National Health Act—Principles formulated under subsection 40AA (7), dated 28 June 1987.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Cohen, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Gayler, Mr Hurford, Mr Katter, Mr Keating, Mr Macphee, Mr Mildren, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Porter, Mr Shipton and Mr Uren.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives