

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 30

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 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 **DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on the following days and at the times specified:
 Monday, 7 December, at 2 p.m.
 Tuesday, 8 December, at 2 p.m.
 Wednesday, 9 December, at 10 a.m.
 Thursday, 10 December, at 10 a.m.
 Question—put and passed.
- 3 **WAR CRIMES 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 by Mr Reith who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House:
 (1) acknowledges the principle that the effluxion of time can be no answer to serious crime and that there is no statute of limitations in Australian law pertaining to serious crime;
 (2) notes the statement of the Government that the Special Investigations Unit will be wound up after about 2 years; and
 (3) while not wishing to enact a sunset clause in this Bill, is of the opinion that having retrospectively created jurisdiction for the trial of serious crimes, and excepting circumstances where new evidence is produced, the Government should act expeditiously to ensure that any prosecutions are initiated within 3 years from the date of proclamation of this Bill”.
- Debate continued.
 Mr N. A. Brown addressing the House—
 It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 4 **AUSTRALIA CARD BILL:** Mr Tuckey, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House notes that the Government has withdrawn the Australia Card Bill.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr Saunderson addressing the House—
 It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109, as amended by sessional order.
 Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notice No. 1 be extended until 2 p.m.
 Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Simmons was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 5 **PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) raised, as a matter of privilege, the use of the Members' parliamentary dining room for a luncheon hosted by the Government in honour of the King and Queen of the Belgians, which caused a number of Members, who were not invited to the luncheon, to be excluded from the dining room.

The Deputy Speaker stated that the matter would be considered by Madam Speaker who would provide a response to the House at the earliest opportunity.

- 6 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 7 **EFFICIENCY AUDIT—REPORT OF AUDITOR-GENERAL—PUBLICATION OF PAPER AND REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:

Efficiency audit—Australian Taxation Office: International profit shifting—Report of the Auditor-General, dated 25 November 1987.

Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General, dated 25 November 1987, upon an efficiency audit of the Australian Taxation Office: International profit shifting; and
- (2) That the report be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Film Censorship Board and Films Board of Review—Reports on activities, including freedom of information statements, for 1986.

National Common Police Services—Australian Police Ministers' Council—Report for 1985-86.

Public Service Act—Department of Social Security—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.

Rural Industries Research Act—Tobacco Research Council—Report for 1986-87.

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Reports of the Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs, including freedom of information statements, for 1986-87.

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
26 November 1987—Message No. 32—
Income Tax Amendment (No. 2) 1987.
Medicare Levy Amendment 1987.

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

Mr Beale, Mr Goodluck, Mrs Kelly, Mr Langmore, Mr Peacock and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken in relation to loitering, the consumption of alcohol by under-age persons and the production, sale and distribution of material in the ACT depicting violence.

Mr Beale, Mr Halverson, Mr Jenkins, 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, Mr Rocher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Cobb and Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens; and Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Maranoa praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.
- Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens; and Mr Blunt and Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Maranoa, respectively, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Campbell and Mr Robinson—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 Beale—from certain citizens praying that all bans on smoking in the workplace and on domestic air travel be lifted and discriminatory smoking legislation not proceed.
- 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 Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.
- Mr Cobb—from certain citizens praying that the problems which identification cards are intended to reduce be attacked by other methods.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that Telecom abandon its proposal to time charge local telephone calls.
- Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the Gynea Bay post office, NSW, be prevented.
- Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the Kurnell peninsula, NSW, be rezoned.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the circulation of X-rated videos be prevented and laws regarding obscenity in the media be revived and enforced.
- 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 Lindsay—from certain citizens praying that all action to close Telecom business offices cease immediately.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the decision by the ABC not to televise the 1988 Jack High Bowling Tournament be reversed.
- Mr Rocher—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 Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Card Bill be withdrawn and, if reintroduced, be rejected.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.

Petitions received.

- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION:** 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 fundamental issues which must be addressed by the Prime Minister during his forthcoming visit to the Soviet Union".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

12 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT: Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the 2nd Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

2ND REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The joint committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to the Parliament since 22 October 1987, recommends that the following be printed:

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 1986-87.

Aussat Pty Ltd—Report for 1986-87.

Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Australian Bicentennial Authority—Report for 1986-87.

Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee—Report for 1986-87.

Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report for 1986-87.

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1986-87.

Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs Repeal Act—Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—Report for period 1 July to 31 December 1986.

Australian Institute of Sport Act—Australian Institute of Sport—Strategic plan 1988 and beyond.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 1986-87.

Australia's population trends and prospects 1987—Report.

Bureau of Transport Economics—Report 61—Assessment of the Australian road system: 1987.

Coastwatch contract—Review of tender procedures—Final Report, dated 11 November 1987.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1986-87.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation—Report for 1986-87.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 1986-87.

Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Higher education: Recommendations for 1988, dated October 1987.

Companies Act—Accounting Standards Review Board—Report for 1986-87.

Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 1986-87.

Documents relating to the simultaneous dissolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives by His Excellency the Governor-General on 5 June 1987.

Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Council—Report for 1986-87.

Family Law Council—Report—Access—Some options for reform, dated July 1987.

Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for period 13 June 1986 to 31 March 1987.

Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1986-87.

- High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1986-87.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
 Razors and razor blades, dated 13 October 1987 (No. 406).
 Tobacco growing and manufacturing industries, dated 24 September 1987 (No. 405).
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—
 Industries Assistance Commission—Report for 1986-87.
 Statement by Treasurer, pursuant to section 45 relating to action taken during 1986-87 in respect of reports made to the Minister by the Industries Assistance Commission.
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for period 1 February to 30 June 1987.
- Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Reports—
 Investigations into—
 A potential extension of intermodal rail services, dated July 1987.
 The efficiency of interstate transport arrangements—Preliminary report, dated August 1987.
 Review of federal registration charges for interstate vehicles, dated October 1987.
- Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Reports for—
 1985.
 1986.
- Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act—Merit Review Agency—Report for 1985-86.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—
 Report on the Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme, for 1986-87.
- Policy guidelines for Commonwealth Statutory Authorities and Government business enterprises—Policy information paper, dated October 1987.
- Prices Surveillance Act—Prices Surveillance Authority—Report for 1986-87.
- Primary Industry Bank Act—Primary Industry Bank of Australia Limited—9th Report, for 1986-87.
- Public Service Act—
 Defence Report for 1986-87.
 Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Report for 1986-87.
 Department of Finance—Report for 1986-87.
 Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce—Report for 1986-87.
 Department of Primary Industry—Report for 1986-87.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Report for year ended 31 March 1987.
- River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—69th Report, for 1986-87.
- Rural Industries Research Act—Cotton Research Council—Report for 1986-87.
- Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 1986-87.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—Report for 1986-87.
- Soil Conservation (Financial Assistance) Act—Soil Conservation Advisory Committee—Report for 1986-87.
- States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Act 1983—*
 Statement of financial assistance granted to each State in 1985.
- Steel Industry Authority Act—Steel Industry Authority—Report for 1986-87.
- Commonwealth financial relations with other levels of Government 1987-88 (Budget paper No. 4)—Corrigendum.

H. A. JENKINS
 Chairman

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Mr Jenkins, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.
 Question—put and passed.

- 13 **WAR CRIMES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Reith, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House:
- (1) acknowledges the principle that the effluxion of time can be no answer to serious crime and that there is no statute of limitations in Australian law pertaining to serious crime;
 - (2) notes the statement of the Government that the Special Investigations Unit will be wound up after about 2 years; and
 - (3) while not wishing to enact a sunset clause in this Bill, is of the opinion that having retrospectively created jurisdiction for the trial of serious crimes, and excepting circumstances where new evidence is produced, the Government should act expeditiously to ensure that any prosecutions are initiated within 3 years from the date of proclamation of this Bill”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Reith moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Flinders from moving—That the following matters arising out of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, for inquiry and report by 1 June 1988:

- (1) whether the nature of the evidence and related material believed to be available in foreign states (in particular Eastern Bloc countries) is likely to be of sufficient evidentiary value as to warrant the institution of any prosecutions;
- (2) if so, what procedures should apply to the collection of evidence in foreign states;
- (3) the most appropriate procedures for presentation of that evidence in an Australian trial; and
- (4) the most appropriate procedures for instituting and conducting war trials bearing in mind the need to ensure there is no diminution in the normal standards of justice available in Australia.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the motion to suspend standing orders be agreed to—put and negatived.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Reith moved the following amendment: Clause 6, page 2, line 18, omit the definition of “occupation”, substitute the following definition:

“‘occupation’ means an occupation of territory arising out of a war, including the occupation of territory pursuant to the Nazi-Soviet Agreement of 23 August 1939;”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed—put.

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

AYES, 48

Mr Adermann	Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge

NOES, 66

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Mr Reith moved the following amendment: Clause 6, page 7, at the end of the clause add the following new Part (comprising proposed sections 18 and 19)—

"PART IV—MISCELLANEOUS

Surrender of person

"18. (1) Notwithstanding any law or treaty obligation to the contrary, the Attorney-General shall not consent to the surrender of a person in relation to a war crime if:

- (a) the request for extradition is received from the Soviet Union or an East European country; or
- (b) in any other case, the Magistrate, required to determine whether that person is eligible for surrender, is not satisfied that a prima facie case has been established that the person had committed the alleged offence.

"(2) 'Magistrate' in this section has the same meaning as in section 4 of the *Extradition (Foreign States) Act 1966*.

Annual Report

"19. (1) The Attorney-General shall, as soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, cause a report concerning the operation of this Act during the year that ended on that 30 June to be prepared and laid before each House of the Parliament.

"(2) A report pursuant to subsection (1) shall include:

- (a) the number of cases under investigation;
- (b) the number of prosecutions that have been initiated;
- (c) the adequacy of resources allocated to undertake investigations and to conduct prosecutions; and
- (d) a timetable for finalising investigations and prosecutions under the Act."

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge

NOES, 67

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

- 14 **PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—RELOCATION OF COMMENCEMENT COLUMN MONUMENT—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal contained in the report of the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House presented to the House on 3 November 1987, namely: The relocation of the commencement column monument on the land axis between the old and the new Parliament House.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 **WHEAT TAX REGULATIONS (VALIDATION) BILL 1987:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to validate certain regulations under the *Wheat Tax Act 1957*.

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 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.

- 16 **COMMONWEALTH BORROWING LEVY BILL 1987—SENATE'S REQUEST:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment requested by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT

Page 2, clause 6, lines 11 and 12, leave out "the prescribed rate, being a rate not exceeding 0.5%", insert "such annual rate as is prescribed, being an annual rate not exceeding 0.5%".

On the motion of Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the requested amendment was made, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Humphreys, the House adopted the report.

- 17 **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION 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. 33, dated 16 November 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 Hand (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND 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. 34, dated 16 November 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 Hand (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 **INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT 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. 35, dated 16 November 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 Hand (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 20 **PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Deputy Speaker referred to the matter raised earlier this day by Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) as a matter of privilege (*See* entry No. 5) concerning arrangements for the luncheon held in honour of His Majesty the King of the Belgians and Her Majesty Queen Fabiola.
The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Madam Speaker had examined the remarks made by Mr Sinclair and had concluded that no question of privilege or contempt was involved. Although Madam Speaker and Mr President had a

responsibility for giving approval for functions in the precincts, the Government was responsible for the guest list and similar matters for functions such as that held today. The Deputy Speaker said that Madam Speaker would draw Mr Sinclair's remarks to the attention of the Prime Minister.

- 21 **DAIRY PRODUCE 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Staples (Minister for Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Staples (Minister for Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.18 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 7 December 1987, at 2.00 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 November 1987:

Health Insurance Act—Statements of particulars of ministerial determinations made pursuant to section 106AA, relating to—

Dr L. H. Kalokerinos, dated 16 November 1987.

Dr M. S. Mustapha, dated 16 November 1987.

Dr D. C. Walker, dated 26 August 1987.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Charlesworth, Mr Cohen, Mr Duffy, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Gorman, Mr Hayden, Mr MacKellar, Mr Mildren, Mr Moore, Mr Porter, Mr Scholes, Mr Spender, Mr Webster and Mr Willis.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives