

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 49

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 1988

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:** Madam Speaker informed the House that, during the absence of Mr McLeay (Chairman of Committees) owing to parliamentary business overseas, Mr Mountford would carry out the duties of Chairman of Committees.
- 3 **PARLIAMENT—OPENING ARRANGEMENTS—LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** Madam Speaker informed the House that she had received a letter from His Excellency the Governor-General thanking her for her letter of 24 March 1988 conveying the text of the resolution agreed to by the House that day relating to the arrangements for the opening of future sessions of the Parliament.
- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
24 March 1988—Message No. 130—Parliamentary Precincts 1988.
- 5 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
31 March 1988—Message No. 69—Conservation Legislation Amendment 1988.
5 April 1988—Message—
No. 70—Family Court of Australia (Additional Jurisdiction and Exercise of Powers) 1988.
No. 71—Parliamentary Precincts 1988.
- 6 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS (MAINTENANCE INCOME TEST) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** 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 Connolly, viz.*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House deplores the fact that the economic and social policies pursued by the Hawke Government since March 1983 have directly contributed to the continuing high level of marriage break-ups by:
 - (1) increasing the number of Australian families living below the poverty line and bearing the brunt of unemployment, including an additional 165,000 children;
 - (2) pursuing policies which have resulted in single income families on average weekly earnings with 2 children facing a decline of \$42 a week in their standard of living in real terms;

- (3) abolishing negative gearing between July 1985 and September 1987 which resulted in a decline in rental accommodation, and a steep rise in rental costs which has contributed to 160,000 Australians waiting for public housing, while thousands of families and individuals live in refuges, emergency accommodation or on the streets;
- (4) failing to give recognition to the increased burdens of families with dependants other than the approximately 23% eligible for assistance under the Family Assistance Scheme; and
- (5) contributing to a marked decline in the standard of living of veterans, war widows, ex-service personnel and serving personnel”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 66

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Dubois	Mr Johns	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb*	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Courtice	Mrs Harvey	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr Tickner
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys	Mr Mountford	
Mrs Darling	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 48

Mr Adermann	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew*	Mr Fife	Mr Mr Macphee	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pratt	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Reith	Dr Woods

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 72, dated 17 March 1988, 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.

Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 7 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absences abroad of Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade) and Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport and Communications Support and Minister Assisting the Treasurer), Mr Duffy (Minister for Trade

Negotiations) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Senator Evans (Minister for Transport and Communications) would perform Mr Morris' duties and be represented in this House by Mr Duncan (Minister for Employment and Education Services).

8 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

9 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australian Council for Employment and Training—Report for period 1 November 1986 to 30 June 1987.

Australian Industry and Technology Council—Summary of proceedings for 1986-87.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.

Australian Safeguards Office—Report for 1986-87.

Fishing Industry Act—Report for 1986-87.

Fishing Industry Research Act—Fishing Industry Research Committee—Report for 1986-87.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park—Mackay/Capricorn section zoning plan, December 1987.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Fresh fruit and fruit products industries, dated 24 February 1988 (No. 410).

International trade law—14th conference, Canberra, 16 October 1987—Papers.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Reports—No. 42—Occupiers' liability.

Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.

Norfolk Island—Report for 1986-87.

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.

Rural Industries Research Act—

Australian Special Rural Research Council—Report for 1986-87.

Honey Research Council—Report for 1986-87.

Oilseeds Research Council—Report for 1986-87.

Pig Research Council—Report for 1986-87.

Research Councils' Selection Committee—Report for 1986-87.

Wheat Research Council—Report for 1986-87.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Radiation Ordinance—Australian Capital Territory Radiation Council—Report for 1986-87.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report on interceptions requested under subsection 30 (1) or (2), for 1986-87.

10 AUSTRALIAN SAFEGUARDS OFFICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Australian Safeguards Office—Report for 1986-87.

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

11 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) ACT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report on interceptions requested under sub-section 30 (1) or (2), for 1986-87.

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

- 12 **LAW REFORM COMMISSION—ANNUAL REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **NORFOLK ISLAND—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Norfolk Island—Report for 1986-87.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—PROGRESS REPORT AND BUDGET UPDATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the updated budget to November 1987 and construction progress of the new Parliament House project.
 Mr Porter, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 15 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AGED CARE:** The House was informed that Mr Blunt had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The uncertainty, insecurity and fear among members of the aged community and their families arising from the Government's approach to aged care".
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Blunt addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 16 **PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE PLAN—MID-TERM REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the mid-term review of the passenger motor vehicle plan and certain refinements to the plan decided upon by the Government, and presented the following paper:
 Passenger motor vehicle plan—Mid-term review—Ministerial statement, including attachment, dated 13 April 1988.
 Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 17 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 18 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICE:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the notice lodged by Mr White relating to disallowance of Statutory Rules 1988, No. 17 being called on forthwith.
 Question—put and passed.
- 19 **AUSTRALIAN RIFLE CLUB REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE:** Mr White, pursuant to notice, moved—That the regulation repealing the Australian Rifle Club Regulations as contained in Statutory Rules 1988, No. 17, made under the *Defence Act 1903*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Dobie, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53

Mr Adermann	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr Andrew*	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Beale	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr Blunt	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Burr	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Cadman	Dr Hewson	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Lloyd	Mr Robinson	
Mr Connolly	Mr McArthur	Mr Rocher	
Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack	

NOES, 67

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sawford
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Simmons
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Snow
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cleland	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Courtice	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Ms Crawford	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Cross	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Howe	Mr Mildren	Mr Wright
Ms Darling	Mr Humphreys	Mr Milton	

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

20 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

21 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend and repeal various Acts relating to matters dealt with by the Department of Primary Industries and Energy, 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 Shack), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 **SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mrs Kelly (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), for Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1947*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Kelly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mrs Kelly 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.

- 23 **DEFENCE (SUPERANNUATION INTERIM ARRANGEMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mrs Kelly (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to empower the Minister for Defence to make provision for an interim superannuation benefit for members of the Defence Force.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Kelly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mrs Kelly 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 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** 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 Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

- 25 **BOUNTY AND SUBSIDY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the following amendment was made:

Schedule 1, page 7, omit the amendment of the *Bounty (Textile Yarns) Act 1981*, substitute the following amendment:

“Section 3AA:

Repeal the section, substitute the following section:

Increased factory cost

‘3AA. Where:

- (a) the last condition for the payment of bounty in respect of bountiable yarn (in this section called the “eligible yarn”) of a particular kind referred to in a paragraph of the definition of “bountiable yarn” in subsection 2 (1) is satisfied on or after 1 July 1987 and in a qualifying accounting period of a producer of the eligible yarn; and
- (b) in the same qualifying accounting period of that producer, bountiable yarn of the same kind as the eligible yarn, produced by the same producer is sold, or otherwise disposed of, for export from Australia;

the factory cost, whether or not incurred after 1 July 1987, in connection with the process or processes carried out by that producer in the production of the eligible yarn is increased by an amount equal to 30% of the factory cost incurred in connection with the process or processes of producing the bountiable yarn referred to in paragraph (b).’”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

26 **MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** 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.

27 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 April 1988:

Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1988—No. 9.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Pipeline Authority purposes, Wynwood, NSW.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—

1988/1—Public Service Commissioner and holders of offices on other bodies.

1988/2—Australian Public Service Management Advisory Board and Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1988—

No. 13—Plumbers, Drainers and Gasfitters Board (Amendment).

No. 14—Classification of Publications (Amendment).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Charles, Mr Cohen, Mr Cowan, Mr Grace, Mr Hayden, Mr Hollis, Mr Katter, Mr Lavarch, Mr McLeay, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shipton, Mr Uren and Mr Willis.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives