

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 55

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 1988

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **MEMBER FOR MAYO (MR DOWNER)—NEWSPAPER REPORT AND LETTER—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker referred to remarks by the Member for Mayo which were published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of today's date and to a letter she had received from the Member in connection with the matter.
Madam Speaker stated that she rejected the criticism made by the Member and stressed that such comments harm the Parliamentary institution. She reminded all Members that they had a role to play in the orderly conduct of the proceedings and in the defence of the institution.
Madam Speaker stated that she did not intend to take the matter any further.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statements for February and March 1988.
Industry Research and Development Act—Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 1986-87.
 - 5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTER FOR DEFENCE:**
The House was informed that Mr White had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The incompetence displayed by the Minister for Defence in the administration of his department".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr White addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 6 **PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) presented the following paper:
Safety standards for storage of explosives—Copy of minute from Mr A. J. Woods, Secretary, Department of Defence, to Mr Beazley, Minister for Defence, dated 26 April 1988.
 - 7 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the construction of new Commonwealth Offices, Melbourne (4th report of 1988).
Report relating to the construction of new Commonwealth Offices, Haymarket, NSW (5th report of 1988).
Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, Mr Porter and Mr Burr, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

- 8 **ADMIRALTY 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.

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In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 3, page 1, line 12, and page 2, lines 1-7, omit the definition of "Civil Liability Convention", substitute the following definition:

"'Civil Liability Convention' means the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage done at Brussels on 29 November 1969 (a copy of the English text of which is set out in Schedule 1 to the *Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Act 1981*), as amended by:

- (a) until the commencement of Part IV of the *Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Act 1986*—the Protocol to that Convention done at London on 19 November 1976 (a copy of the English text of which is set out in Schedule 2 of the *Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Act 1981*), or
- (b) on and after the commencement of that Part—the Protocol to that Convention done at London on 25 May 1984 (a copy of the English text of which is set out in Schedule 2 to the *Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Act 1981* as amended by that Part);".

Clause 42—

Page 18, line 38, omit "may", substitute "shall".

Page 18, line 40, omit "may", substitute "shall".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

- 9 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport and Communications Support) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interstate Road Transport Act 1985*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Interstate Road Transport Amendment 1988.

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment 1988.

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

- 10 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport and Communications Support) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interstate Road Transport Charge Act 1985*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 **SOCIAL SECURITY 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 by Mr Connolly who moved, as an amendment—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 facts that (a) the Hawke Government’s economic and social policies continue to cause a fall in living standards for Australian families, and (b) the Prime Minister has refused to meet his 1987 election pledge that by 1990 no Australian child will be living in poverty”.

Debate continued.

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

- 12 **SELECTION COMMITTEE—AMENDED REPORT:** Mr D. M. Cameron (Acting Chairman) presented the amended report of the Selection Committee relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 28 April 1988, and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 21 April 1988.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **SOCIAL SECURITY 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 facts that (a) the Hawke Government’s economic and social policies continue to cause a fall in living standards for Australian families, and (b) the Prime Minister has refused to meet his 1987 election pledge that by 1990 no Australian child will be living in poverty”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Snowdon moved—That Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security) be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Harvey	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanus
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Tickner
Mr Courtice	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr West
Ms Crawford	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O’Keefe	
Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr O’Neil	

NOES, 51

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Howe continued his speech.

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

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

AYES, 69

Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr PUNCH
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Harvey	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Tickner
Mr Courtice	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr West
Ms Crawford	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil	

NOES, 50

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

* 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. 78, dated 13 April 1988, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Connolly moved the following amendment:

Clause 3, page 2, lines 21 and 22, omit "(other than an amount expressed to be paid for lost income)", substitute "(other than an amount expressly to be paid for lost wages or salary)".

Debate continued.

Mr Howe addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Mildren reported accordingly.

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

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) 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

Mr Howe continued his speech.

Amendment negated.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Mildren reported accordingly.

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

Mr Howe, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Member named and suspended: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Rocher) named the honourable Member for Franklin (Mr Goodluck) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr Beazley moved—That the honourable Member for Franklin be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Harvey	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Tickner
Mr Courtice	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr West
Ms Crawford	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil	

NOES, 47

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 10.52 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

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

14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH TEACHING SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1987: The following message from the Senate was reported: Message No. 145

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Teaching Service Act 1972*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 26 April 1988

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 6, clause 7, proposed subsection 32 (2), lines 10 and 11, leave out the proposed subsection, insert the following subsection:

"(2) A person shall not be appointed under paragraph (1) (b) unless the relevant authority and the relevant staff organisation have first agreed that the person is suitable for appointment."

On the motion of Mr Punch (Minister for the Arts and Territories), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.02 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 April 1988:

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing 15 April 1988 as the date on which the *Fishing Industry Research and Development Act 1987*, other than Parts I, III and IV and section 64, shall come into operation.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Determination—1988—No. 7—Fees for purposes of Plumbers, Drainers and Gasfitters Board Ordinance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cowan, Mrs Darling, Mr Grace, Mr Katter, Mr Langmore, Mr Lloyd, Mr McLeay, Mr Ruddock and Mr Smith.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives