

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 61

THURSDAY, 19 MAY 1988

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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 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Adermann, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Charles, Mr Cohen, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Wright, from 1553, 12, 28, 22, 10 and 33 petitioners, respectively, praying that the House call a national day of prayer for Australia.
- Mr Dobie, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay and Mr Peacock, from 5, 10, 6 and 9 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative) Bill 1987 be referred to a parliamentary committee and certain other action be taken in relation to the Bill.
- Dr Blewett, Mr Hall, and Mr Porter, from 387, 116 and 198 petitioners, respectively, praying that the funding level for nursing and personal care staff hours be raised in all States.
- Mr D. M. Cameron, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mrs Sullivan, from 91, 5 and 252 petitioners, respectively, praying that those involved in the public release of confidential medical information be censured.
- Mr McArthur, from 44 electors of the Division of Corangamite, in the same terms.
- Mr Free, Mr Hand and Mr Katter, from 27, 13 and 5 petitioners, respectively, praying that a resolution be passed at the opening of the new Parliament House, acknowledging and affirming certain matters concerning Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders.
- Mr Kent, Mr Milton and Mr Scott, from 45, 53 and 10 petitioners, respectively, praying that importation of cobalt 60 and other radioactive substances be banned and regulations permitting irradiation of food in Australia be disallowed.
- Mr Punch and Mr Scott, from 162 and 200 petitioners, respectively, praying that Australia withdraw from the Asian Regional Co-operative Project on Food Irradiation and from the International Consultative Group on Food Irradiation and certain other action be taken in relation to food irradiation.
- Mr Aldred, from 266 petitioners, 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 N. A. Brown, from 14 petitioners, praying that any proposal for an identification card be rejected.
- Mr Courtice, from 13 petitioners, praying that any changes to the system of charging for local telephone calls not disadvantage the aged, infirm and other fixed income groups.

- Mr Courtice, from 67 petitioners, praying that Australian uranium export licences to France be revoked, until the French Government takes certain action in relation to nuclear disarmament.
- Mr Humphreys, from 318 electors of the Division of Griffith, praying that steps be taken to minimise noise levels and alter flight paths at the new Brisbane domestic airport.
- Mr Kerr, from 34 members of Apex Clubs of zone 1 of Australia, praying that road safety be promoted by direct education for bicycle riders and road users.
- Mr Kerr, from 46 petitioners, praying that measures be taken to ensure that the ABC continue to offer comprehensive broadcasting services under its present charter.
- Mr Langmore, from 510 petitioners, praying that funding be provided to improve the Canberra to Batemans Bay, NSW, road and certain other action be taken in relation to the road.
- Mr Langmore, from 119 petitioners, praying that pension benchmarks for Commonwealth public servants and defence force personnel which were affected by a 2% discount announced in the 1986 Budget be restored without further delays.
- Mr Langmore, from 2 petitioners, praying that section 52, part block 5, McKellar, ACT, not be used for residential purposes but be developed as a recreation area.
- Mr Lloyd, from 120 residents of the Division of Murray, praying that local government be allocated more resources to address the problem of deteriorating road networks.
- Mr Mildren, from 771 electors of the Division of Ballarat, in similar terms.
- Mr McArthur, from 68 electors of the Division of Corangamite, praying that the Government be urged to refrain from signing the Draft Convention on Mutual Assistance in Tax Matters.
- Mr McArthur, from 11 petitioners, praying that the sale of violent videos, books and toys of violence be banned.
- Mr Millar, from 28 residents of the Division of Wide Bay, praying that Telecom's proposal to time-charge local calls be rejected.
- Mr Punch, from 5618 petitioners, praying that the sales tax on the sale of piano rolls be removed and accrued unpaid sales tax be waived.
- Mr Ruddock, from 1458 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken in the ACT in relation to loitering, the consumption of alcohol by under-age persons and the production, sale and distribution of material depicting violence.
- Mr Ruddock, from 591 petitioners, praying that all advertising of alcohol on radio and television be banned.
- Mr Shack, from 24 petitioners, praying that appropriate action is taken to ensure the Lords Prayer is retained for all future sittings of the Parliament.
- Mr Shack, from 127 petitioners, praying that Telecom's plan for timed local calls be abandoned.
- Mrs Sullivan, from 1113 petitioners, praying that the incidence of crime and violence broadcast on television be reduced.
- Mr White, from 50 petitioners, praying that the sales tax on soya milk be rescinded.

Petitions received.

- 3 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Martin (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration:
- Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—A taxing review—Review of six efficiency audits of the Australian Taxation Office—Report, dated May 1988.
Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Martin and Mr Wilson made statements in connection with the report.

4 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Brumby (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Setting the course: Inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of institutional practices in the higher education sector—

Report, dated 10 May 1988.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Brumby, Dr Woods, Mr Free and Mr Price made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Brumby moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with sessional order 102B the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

5 ANZ BANK FEE ON WITHDRAWALS FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNTS: Mr Wright, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House condemns the decision by the ANZ Bank to introduce a fee for withdrawals from savings accounts, believing that—

- (1) such a fee is unwarranted, unjust and unfair, particularly to pensioners, low income families and others who depend on savings accounts for the protection and management of their finances; and
- (2) it is commercially immoral for a bank to charge a depositor for the right to withdraw his or her own money.

Debate ensued.

Declaration of interest: Dr Hewson, during his speech, declared an interest relevant to the motion.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Dr Hewson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

6 IMMIGRATION ADMINISTRATION: Mrs Sullivan, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) deplores the delays in the processing of applications for immigration and change of status;
- (2) criticises the uncertainty of business, independent and refugee immigration programs; and
- (3) calls on the Government to upgrade and streamline the administration of immigration policy.

Debate ensued.

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

7 HEALTH INSURANCE: Dr Charlesworth, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) congratulates the Government on its commitment to a health insurance system based on the principles of fairness, simplicity and efficiency;
- (2) calls upon the Government to maintain a universal system of health insurance funded by a fairly applied levy arrangement; and

(3) condemns attacks on the universal health insurance system.

Debate ensued.

It being 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 104A, the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Cobb was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

8 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of sessional order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr D. M. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

9 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements being made—

Papers: Mr Aldred, by leave, presented the following papers:

Parliament of New South Wales—Report of the Tribunal to the Minister for Police pursuant to an inquiry under section 45 of the *Police Regulation (Allegations of Misconduct) Act, 1978*, into certain matters relating to discipline in the Police Force and Mr W. A. R. Allen, dated April 1982—Copy of title page and page 5.

Queanbeyan Leagues Club Limited—Particulars and changes of particulars in register of directors, managers and secretaries—Copies of returns lodged with the NSW Corporate Affairs Commission dated 16 June 1982, 7 June 1984 and 29 May 1986.

Members' statements continued.

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

11 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report on the state of the automotive industry for 1987.

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act—New South Wales Local Government Grants Commission—Report for 1986-87.

Petitions which are not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House on the following subjects:

Casino in Canberra (Member for Fraser, 208 petitioners).

Citizens' initiative and referendum (Member for Menzies, 1 petitioner).

First International Earth Repair Year (Member for Phillip, 2016 petitioners).

Food irradiation (Member for La Trobe, 5589 petitioners; Member for Hindmarsh, 7100 petitioners; Member for Cowan, 76 petitioners; and the Member for Hotham, 5808 petitioners).

Fringe benefits tax (Member for Berowra, 384 petitioners).

Funding for the ABC (Member for Petrie, 766 petitioners; and the Member for Moncrieff, 58 petitioners).

Human embryo experimentation (Member for Denison, 767 petitioners).

Imperial measurement system (Member for Denison, 21 petitioners).

Income tax pensioner rebate (Member for Dobell, 31 petitioners).

Midway Migrant Hostel, Vic. (Member for La Trobe, 95 petitioners).

Mining and sale of uranium (Member for Gippsland, 396 petitioners).

North West Cape Naval Communications Base (Member for La Trobe, 286 petitioners).

Nursing homes (Member for Kooyong, 675 petitioners; Member for Wakefield, 329 petitioners; Member for Menzies, 9 petitioners; Member for Higgins, 1020 petitioners; Member for La Trobe, 308 petitioners; Member for Lalor,

- 75 petitioners; Member for Flinders, 293 petitioners; Member for Bruce, 179 petitioners; and the Member for Deakin, 101 petitioners).
 Release of Mordechai Vanunu (Member for La Trobe, 195 petitioners).
 Superannuation schemes (Member for Bennelong, 526 petitioners).
 Telecom privatisation and time charging (Member for La Trobe, 284 petitioners).
 Telecom time charging (Member for Flinders, 17 petitioners; Member for Forrest, 2386 petitioners; Member for Rankin, 299 petitioners; and the Member for Moreton, 9338 petitioners).
- 12 **PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:
 Bond Corporation Holdings Ltd purchase of Bell Group Ltd shares—Facsimile of letter from Mr P. G. Beckwith, Managing Director, Bond Corporation Holdings Ltd to Mr Bowen, Attorney-General, dated 18 May 1988.
- 13 **USE AND EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL AGENTS ON AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM (EVATT REPORT)—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining the Government's response to the Report of the Royal Commission on the Use and Effects of Chemical Agents on Australian Personnel in Vietnam and the subsequent report by Mr R. D. Hogg and presented the following papers:
 Use and Effects of Chemical Agents on Australian Personnel in Vietnam—Report of Royal Commission—
 An assessment and recommendations as a basis for a final Cabinet submission—Report prepared by Mr R. D. Hogg, Consultant to the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, dated 19 October 1987.
 Recommendations contained in summary volume 8—Government response.
 Mr T. A. Fischer, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—URANIUM MINING AND EXPORT:** The House was informed that Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The increasing inappropriateness of Labor's 'three mine policy' on uranium mining and export".
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Sinclair addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 15 **SELECTION COMMITTEE:** Mr McLeay (Chairman) presented the report of the Selection Committee relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 26 May 1988.
- 16 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Dr Woods be discharged from attendance on the Publications Committee and that, in his place, Mr Taylor be appointed a member of the committee.
 Question—put and passed.
- 17 **LIBRARY COMMITTEE:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Dr Wooldridge be discharged from attendance on the Library Committee and that, in his place, Mr Pratt be appointed a member of the committee.
 Question—put and passed.
- 18 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the *Australian National University Act 1946*, this House elects Mr P. M.

Ruddock and Dr R. E. Klugman to be members of the Council of the Australian National University for a period of 3 years from 18 August 1988.

Question—put and passed.

- 19 **PUBLIC SERVICE (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1988:** Madam Speaker, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Madam Speaker moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Madam Speaker presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 20 **STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 92, dated 28 April 1988, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 **STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) 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 Carlton 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 condemns the Government for its failure to provide sufficient resources to tertiary institutions for them to meet the demand for student places, or to find a satisfactory alternative source of funds for tertiary education”.

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

The House divided (the Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65

Mr Baldwin	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Sciacca
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Scott
Mr Bowen	Mr Gorman	Mr Lavarch	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Brumby	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mrs Harvey	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cleeland	Mr Holding	Mr Milton	Mr Tickner
Mr Courtice	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Uren
Ms Crawford	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys	Mr Mountford	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil	Mr Wright
Mrs Darling	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Johns	Mr Punch	
Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr Saunderson	

NOES, 45

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Macphee	Mrs Sullivan
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Porter	Dr Wooldridge
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Pratt	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Reith	
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	

* 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.

Messages from the Governor-General: The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 93, dated 28 April 1988, recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill, and

No. 94, dated 16 May 1988, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of new clauses to be moved to the Bill by a Minister.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

New clauses—

On the motion of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), by leave, the following new clauses were together inserted in the Bill, after debate:

“7A. After section 15 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Division 1 of Part II:

Recurrent grants may be increased to assist institutions in meeting Second Tier Wage Case decisions

‘15A. (1) The Minister may, on or before 30 June 1988, determine, for the purposes of this section, that expenditure of a specified kind by prescribed institutions, being expenditure incurred, or to be incurred, in giving effect to:

- (a) a decision of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission making a second tier adjustment of salaries and wages in accordance with the wage fixation principles set out by the Commission in its National Wage case decision of 10 March 1987; or
- (b) a decision of a State Industrial Authority making a second tier adjustment of salaries and wages in accordance with wage fixation principles laid down by that Authority that are consistent with the wage fixation principles referred to in paragraph (a);

shall be relevant second tier wage expenditure.

‘(2) Where the Minister is satisfied that a prescribed institution has incurred, or will incur, relevant second tier wage expenditure, the Minister may, on or before 30 June 1988, determine an amount of additional financial assistance payable in relation to the prescribed institution in respect of the year 1988, and, subject to subsection (3), the amount specified in Schedule 1, 2, 5, 6 or 7 (as the case requires) in relation to the prescribed institution, shall be deemed to be increased by the amount so determined.

‘(3) The aggregate of the amounts determined under subsection (2) shall not exceed \$46,254,000.

‘(4) In this section:

“prescribed institution” means:

- (a) a university in a State;
- (b) a college of advanced education in a State;
- (c) an institute of tertiary education in a State at which courses of advanced education are provided;
- (d) a technical and further education institution in a State at which courses of advanced education are provided; or
- (e) a non-government teachers college;

“State Industrial Authority” has the same meaning as in the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1903*.”.

Reports by the Minister

“14A. Section 48 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting ‘, 15A’ after ‘15’.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

- 22 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING 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—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 66

Mr Baldwin	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Sawford
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bowen	Mr Gorman	Mr Lavarch	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Charles	Mrs Harvey	Mr Martin	Mr Staples
Mr Cleeland	Mr Holding	Mr Milton	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Uren
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys	Mr Mountford	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O’Keefe	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Jenkins	Mr O’Neil	Mr Wright
Mr Dawkins	Mr Johns	Mr Price	
Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr Punch	

NOES, 48

Mr Adermann	Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith
Mr Aldred	Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew*	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Macphee	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Pratt	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 95, dated 19 May 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

Clauses 1 to 42, by leave, taken together.

Mr Carlton, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Amendments—

Clause 7—

Page 5, line 6, omit “, but subject to subsection (2)”.

Page 5, omit subclause (2).

Page 6, after subclause (6) add the following subclause:

“(7) The Board may delegate any of its functions to a Council.”.

Clause 9—

Page 7, omit paragraph (6) (b).

Page 8, omit subclauses (10) and (11).

Clause 11, page 8, omit subclauses (1) and (2), substitute the following subclauses:

“(1) The Board shall consist of not more than 13 members of whom not more than 3 may be appointed on a full-time basis.

“(2) Of the members:

- (a) one shall be a person having expertise in matters relating to trade unions;
- (b) one shall be a person having expertise in matters relating to business or industry;
- (c) at least 7 shall be persons having expertise in matters relating to education or training; and
- (d) at least 2 shall be persons having expertise in matters relating to scientific research or technology.”.

Clause 24—

Page 13, line 4, after “Board,” insert “or by resolution of the Council,”.

Page 13, after paragraph (2) (e) insert the following paragraphs:

“(ea) the need to raise educational standards of schools;

“(eb) the need to maintain discipline in schools;”.

Page 14, after subclause (2) add the following subclause:

“(3) In the exercise of its functions, the Schools Council shall consult and co-operate with persons, bodies and authorities conducting government and non-government schools.”.

Clause 25, page 14, line 12, after “Board,” insert “or by resolution of the Council,”.

Clause 26, page 14, line 35, after “Board,” insert “or by resolution of the Council,”.

Clause 27, page 15, line 26, after “Board,” insert “or by resolution of the Council,”.

Clause 30, page 16, after paragraph (b) add the following word and paragraph:

“; and (c) may authorise the publication of any comment or submission made to it, of any document presented to it, or of any report made by it.”.

Clause 31, page 17, omit subclause (3), substitute the following subclause:

“(3) The Governor-General shall appoint:

- (a) subject to section 31A, one of the members of a Council chosen from the members of the Board who is not a member of the Council appointed under subsection (2) to be the Chairperson of the Council having regard to the relevance of the experience and expertise of that member to the responsibilities of the Council; and
- (b) another member of the Council to be the Deputy Chairperson of the Council.

Proposed new clause—

Page 17, after clause 31 insert the following new clause:

Chairperson of Australian Research Council

"31A. An appointment of Chairperson of the Australian Research Council shall only be made after consultation with the Australian Academy of Science, the Australian Academy of Technological Science and Engineering, the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and the Australian Academy of the Humanities."

Amendments—

Clause 42, page 20, omit paragraph (1) (a), substitute the following paragraphs:

"(a) the Chairperson of the National Board of Employment, Education and Training, who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee;

(aa) the Secretary of the Department;"

Clause 56, page 24, lines 1 and 2, omit paragraph (1) (a).

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 49

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Pratt	Dr Wooldridge
Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Reith	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 66

Mr Baldwin	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Sawford
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bowen	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace	Mr Lavarch	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Mr Charles	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Cleeland	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Uren
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Dawkins	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil	
Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr Price	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the committee stage having expired—

Question—That clauses 1 to 42 be agreed to—put and passed.

Further question—That the remainder of the Bill and the amendments circulated by the Government be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put and passed.

The amendments circulated by the Government were accordingly made in the Bill and are as follows:

Clause 49, page 22, line 17, after "Council" insert "and the National Director of the Commonwealth employment service".

Schedule 2, page 31, the part of that Schedule that amends the definition of "higher education institution" in subsection 3(1) of the *Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act 1986*, omit all words from and including "Omit", substitute the following:

“Omit ‘Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Act 1977’, substitute ‘Employment, Education and Training Act 1988’.”.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), the House adopted the report, and the Bill was read a third time.

23 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT 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 Beale 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) failing to provide adequate funding for roads;
- (2) failing to address the appalling state and low level of cost recovery of the Australian railway network; and
- (3) increasing taxes on the transport industry”.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 10.20 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second reading had expired—

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

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

Mr Baldwin	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr Beddall	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bilney	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Scholes
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bowen	Mr Grace	Mr Lavarch	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Charles	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Mr Staples
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Howe	Mr Milton	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Humphreys	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Uren
Mr Cross	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mountford	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Johns	Mr O’Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr O’Neil	
Mr Dubois	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kent	Mr Punch	

NOES, 47

Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Peacock	Mr Taylor
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Dr Hewson	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	

* 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport and Communications Support) moved the following amendment:

Clause 5, page 2, line 40, after "places" insert "or for any purpose that is incidental to carriage of that kind".

Limitation of debate: At 10.30 p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the committee stage had expired—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and passed.

Further question—That the Bill as amended be agreed to and the Bill be reported with an amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris, the House adopted the report.

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

Debate ensued.

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

- 24 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport and Communications Support) moved—
That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of debate: At 10.50 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages had expired—

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

- 25 **COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION 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.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 96, dated 5 May 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

Clauses 1 to 43, by leave, taken together.

On the motion of Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Clause 4—

Page 5, line 14, after "hours" insert "(including hours of overtime)".

Page 5, line 16, after "8 (1)" insert "or (2)".

Clause 6, page 12, line 31, omit "(vi)", substitute "(vii)".

Clause 23, page 28, lines 21 and 22, omit "or 20", substitute " , 20 or 21".

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 44 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 67

Mr Baldwin	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Kent	Mr Sanderson
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Grace	Mr Lavarch	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Cleeland	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Courtice	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Staples
Ms Crawford	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Mrs Darling	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil	

NOES, 46

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Taylor
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Carlton	Dr Hewson	Mr Rocher	
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the committee stage having expired—

Question—That the remainder of the Bill and the amendments circulated by the Government be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put and passed.

The amendments circulated by the Government were accordingly made in the Bill, and are as follows:

Clause 98, page 69, line 28, omit "Part", substitute "section".

Clause 129, page 87, lines 1 and 2, omit "his or her normal weekly earnings for the time being", substitute "those normal weekly earnings".

Schedule, page 96, proposed subsection 48A (9) of the *Australian National Railways Commission Act 1983*, omit "with the Commission being substituted for the Commonwealth as a party to the proceedings", substitute "and, where those proceedings are so continued, the Commission and the Commonwealth shall be parties to those proceedings".

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

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

NOES, 47

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Dr Hewson	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time.

26 UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES)

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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 97, dated 27 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.

On the motion of Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), the following amendment was made:

Schedule, page 5, omit from proposed subsection 52(4) all the words from and including "the Civil Commissioner" to the end of the proposed subsection, substitute the following:

"an officer of the Department of Defence authorised by the Secretary to that Department for the purposes of this subsection."

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

27 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 12.38 a.m., adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 May 1988:

Audit Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 80.

Fisheries Act—

Copy of agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and East Australian Development Fishing Co. Pty Ltd, dated 4 May 1988.

Regulation—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 81.

Public Service Act—Determinations—Nos. 54, 57, 58, 61, 64, 65.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Duncan, Ms Fatin, Mr Hall, Mr Hayden, Mr Mildren, Mr Spender, Mr Tuckey and Mr White.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives