

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 62

MONDAY, 23 MAY 1988

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR (MR C. F. RIDLEY):** Madam Speaker informed the House of the death on Friday, 20 May 1988, of Mr Clement Frank Ridley, a Senator for the State of South Australia from 1959 to 1971.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—35TH PARLIAMENT—LAST POSSIBLE SITTING DAY—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker referred to the question asked by Mr Scholes on Thursday, 19 May 1988, concerning the last possible sitting day of the House of Representatives in this Parliament, and informed the House that, in accordance with section 28 of the Constitution, the House, having first met on 14 September 1987, would expire by effluxion of time at midnight on 13 September 1990.
- 5 **PROVISIONAL PARLIAMENT HOUSE—PHOTOGRAPHS—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker made a statement informing the House of a photographic record to be taken this week of the operation of the Parliament in the provisional Parliament House and of groups of persons who work in it.
- 6 **BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker informed the House that, in order to permit the live radio broadcast of an economic statement by the Treasurer and the reply to it by the Leader of the Opposition, the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings had decided that the broadcast would be from the Senate today and tomorrow and from the House of Representatives on Wednesday and Thursday this week.
- 7 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.
 - Australia New Zealand Foundation—Report for 1986-87.
 - Constitutional Commission—1st Report—Summary, dated May 1988.
 - Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act—Queensland Local Government Grants Commission—11th Report, for 1987.
- 8 **CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION—1ST REPORT—SUMMARY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 - Constitutional Commission—1st Report—Summary, dated May 1988.

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

- 9 **STRENGTHENING AUSTRALIA'S SCHOOLS: A CONSIDERATION OF THE FOCUS AND CONTENT OF SCHOOLING—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) presented the following papers:

Strengthening Australia's schools: A consideration of the focus and content of schooling—

Paper, dated 23 May 1988.

Statement by Mr Dawkins, Minister for Employment, Education and Training—

and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 10 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

19 May 1988—Message No. 162—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1987-88.

- 11 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRIVATISATION, AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES AND QANTAS:** The House was informed that Mr Beale had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat posed to Qantas and Australian Airlines by the policy drift and indecision of the Hawke Government on privatisation".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beale addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 12 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the relocation of Albion Explosives Factory to Mulwala, NSW (7th report of 1988).

Ordered to be printed.

- 13 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 48A (Adjournment of House), as amended by sessional order, be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—NEW BUSINESS AND BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That—

(1) standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting; and

(2) in relation to the proceedings on the following bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the House making one declaration of urgency and moving one motion for the allotment of time in respect of all the bills:

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 1988;

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1988;

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Bill 1988;

Industrial Relations Bill 1988;

Industrial Relations (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1988;

Superannuation Benefit (Interim Arrangement) Bill 1988;

Defence (Superannuation Interim Arrangement) Amendment Bill 1988;

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 1988;

Audit Amendment Bill 1988;
 Anti-Dumping Authority Bill 1988;
 Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping Amendments) Bill 1988;
 Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1988;
 Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 1988; and
 Australian Film Commission Amendment Bill 1988.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

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

NOES, 56

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
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 Miles	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Millar	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Smith
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Peacock	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Porter	Mr Taylor
Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Pratt	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Robinson	Dr Woods

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) declared that the Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 1988, Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1988, Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Bill 1988, Industrial Relations Bill 1988, Industrial Relations (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1988, Superannuation Benefit (Interim Arrangement) Bill 1988, Defence (Superannuation Interim Arrangement) Amendment Bill 1988, Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 1988, Audit Amendment Bill 1988, Anti-Dumping Authority Bill 1988, Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping Amendments) Bill 1988, Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1988, Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 1988; and Australian Film Commission Amendment Bill 1988 were urgent Bills.

Question—That the Bills be considered urgent Bills—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Bilney	Mr Duffy	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Mr Blanchard	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Sawford
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Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Sciacca
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Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
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Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Robinson	Dr Woods

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of time: Mr Beazley then moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Bills be as follows:

- (1) Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 4.50 p.m. this day.
- (2) Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1988—For the remaining stages, until 5 p.m. this day.
- (3) Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 5.45 p.m. this day.
- (4) Industrial Relations Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 10.20 p.m. this day.
- (5) Industrial Relations (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 10.30 p.m. this day.
- (6) Superannuation Benefit (Interim Arrangement) Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 11.30 p.m. this day.
- (7) Defence (Superannuation Interim Arrangement) Amendment Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 11.40 p.m. this day.
- (8) Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 12.20 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 May.
- (9) Audit Amendment Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 1 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 May.
- (10) Anti-Dumping Authority Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 6.10 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 May.
- (11) Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping Amendments) Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 6.20 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 May.

- (12) Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 May.
- (13) Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 9.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 May.
- (14) Australian Film Commission Amendment Bill 1988—For the remaining stages, until 9.55 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 May.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 **CUSTOMS 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 by Mr Moore 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 the tediously slow pace of reform and the confusion, uncertainty and speculation which has abounded in the interim, resulting in a widespread reluctance to invest”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Limitation of debate: At 4.50 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 17 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 **AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS 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.

Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 15, page 10, after subclause (2) insert the following subclause:

“(2A) The Council shall provide the applicant with a notice under subsection (1) or (2) as soon as practicable and, unless there are exceptional circumstances, within 12 months after receiving the application for clearance of a chemical product.”.

Clause 20, page 16, after subclause (2) insert the following subclause:

“(2A) The Chairperson shall, before divulging any information under paragraph (3) (a), advise in writing the person who made the application for a clearance under section 12 that it is proposed to divulge the confidential commercial information.”.

Clause 21, page 17, line 42, after “constituents” add “, provided that that other person includes all information in support of the application as is required by the Council under section 12”.

Clause 22—

Page 18, line 4, before “information” insert “significant”.

Page 18, lines 6-11, omit paragraphs (a) and (b), substitute the following paragraphs:

- “(a) significantly contradicts any information furnished to the Council under this Act; or
 (b) indicates that the use of the chemical product in accordance with the claims or recommendations for its use may have an unintended harmful effect or may be significantly less effective than was set out in the application;”.

Clause 43, page 29, at the end of the clause add the following subclause:

“(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall imply or be taken to imply that the applicant’s provision of documents and samples to the Council in accordance with that subsection constitutes an assignment of the copyright, or any grant of an interest in the copyright, to the Council or the Commonwealth by the applicant.”.

Clause 46, page 30, line 17, after “application for” insert “registration or”.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 5.45 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Amendments negatived.

Question—That the Bill be agreed to and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr Blanchard reported accordingly.

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

19 **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS 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.

Paper: Mr Shack, by leave, presented the following paper:

Industrial Relations Bill 1988—Amendments and new clauses to be moved in the Senate on behalf of the Opposition by Senator Chaney.

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 remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

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

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

NOES, 51

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	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	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr D. M. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Reith	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack	

* Tellers

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 98, dated 28 April 1988, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

20 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) 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 having been resumed by Mr Shack—

Limitation of debate: At 10.30 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

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

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Mr Cleeland	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Courtice	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Willis
Ms Crawford	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Keefe	
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Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	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	Mr Spender
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Mr Carlton	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack	

* Tellers

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

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—
Bill read a third time.

- 21 **SUPERANNUATION BENEFIT (INTERIM ARRANGEMENT) 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 Government’s failure to develop consistent superannuation policies without imposing additional taxes and its reliance for over 3 years on ‘legislation’ by press release causing confusion and lack of confidence in superannuation for those planning their retirement”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs Kelly (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 **DEFENCE (SUPERANNUATION INTERIM ARRANGEMENT) 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 Mrs Kelly (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 **DEFENCE 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.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs Kelly (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), the Bill was read a third time.

- 24 **AUDIT 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

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 9, page 4, lines 19-21, omit “, being cases that are, in the opinion of the Auditor-General, of sufficient importance to justify particulars of the cases being set out in the report”.

Clause 15, page 6, lines 27-39, omit proposed section 63R, substitute the following section:

Auditor-General shall report on all cases of non-compliance

“63R. (1) The Auditor-General shall report on all cases in which, in the opinion of the Auditor-General, the receipt, expenditure or investment of money, or the acquisition or disposal of assets, by a statutory body was not in accordance with the enactment by or under which the body was established.

(2) In this section:

“statutory body” means a body or authority established by or under an enactment.’”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Remainder of Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

25 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 12.52 a.m., adjourned until this day at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 May 1988:

Extradition (Foreign States) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 52.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 54.

Fisheries Act—Notice—No. 213.

Fisheries Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 53.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1988—Nos. 62, 63, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dobie, Mr Duncan, Ms Fatin, Mr Hall, Mr Hayden, Mr Katter, Mr Keating and Mr Mildren.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives