

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 63

TUESDAY, 24 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

3 **EFFICIENCY AUDITS—REPORTS OF AUDITOR-GENERAL—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS AND REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE:** Madam Speaker presented the following papers:

Efficiency audits—Reports of the Auditor-General, dated 24 May 1988—

Australian Postal Commission: administration of philatelic services.

Department of Community Services and Health: Home and Community Care Program.

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

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the reports of the Auditor-General, dated 24 May 1988, upon efficiency audits of the—

Australian Postal Commission: administration of philatelic services; and

Department of Community Services and Health: Home and Community Care Program;

(2) That the reports be printed; and

(3) That the report on an efficiency audit of the Australian Postal Commission: administration of philatelic services be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure.

Question—put and passed.

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

Aboriginal Development Commission Act—Aboriginal Development Commission—Report and financial statements, including Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.

Acts Interpretation Act—Statements relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report and statement relating to failure to present periodic report within specified period—Aboriginal Development Commission—Report for 1986-87.

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement for April 1988.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for 1986-87.

Housing Assistance Act—Report on operation of Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement for 1986-87.

5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** The House was informed that Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The serious implications for

cabinet government flowing from the Prime Minister's new definition of ministerial responsibility".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 6 **ANTI-DUMPING AUTHORITY 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.

*Papers:* Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, presented revised explanatory memoranda to the following Bills:

Anti-Dumping Authority 1988.

Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping Amendments) 1988.

Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment 1988.

Debate continued.

Mr Moore, who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave, and 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) further complicating customs procedures; and
- (2) adding another layer of bureaucracy thus increasing costs to the customs service while still denying the service the expertise recommended for it in the *Review of the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*".

Debate continued.

*Limitation of debate:* At 6.10 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—

Amendment negatived.

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

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

- 7 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION (ANTI-DUMPING AMENDMENTS) 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 Moore, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 6—

Page 6, line 3, omit "70 days", substitute "55 days".

Page 6, line 19, omit "70 days", substitute "55 days".

Page 7, line 13, omit "180 days", substitute "120 days".

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

- 8 CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) 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.  
 On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT 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.  
*Limitation of debate:* At 9.15 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 10 AUSTRALIAN FILM COMMISSION 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.  
*Limitation of debate:* At 9.55 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 11 COUNTING OF MEMBERS IN QUORUM—STANDING ORDER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendments to the standing orders be adopted with effect from 22 August 1988: Standing orders 46A and 47 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:  
**Want of quorum, all Members to be counted and to remain in Chamber**  
 47. When the attention of the Speaker, or of the Chairman of Committees, has been called to the fact that there is not a quorum of Members present, any Member who is within the physical limits of the Chamber shall be counted to determine whether a quorum is present and no Member shall leave the Chamber until a quorum is present or 2 minutes have elapsed.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 12 DURATION OF RINGING OF BELLS—SESSIONAL ORDER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following sessional order be adopted for the first 3 sitting weeks of the 1988 Budget sittings:  
**Duration of ringing of bells**  
 In all standing and sessional orders, except standing order 200A, relating to the taking of a division or counting of the House or committee for quorum purposes, any reference to 2 minutes be omitted and 4 minutes substituted.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 13 BUDGET SPEECH AND REPLY—TELEVISION COVERAGE:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That this House authorises:

- (1) the Speaker to make arrangements for the preliminary proceedings relating to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1988-89, all or part of the second reading speech of the Treasurer, and all or part of the reply to that speech by the Leader of the Opposition to be filmed by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation;
- (2) the direct, live telecast of all or part of that film and the accompanying sound of the proceedings by any television station provided that a station telecasts both speeches live and gives approximately equal time to both speeches; and
- (3) the use by any television station of any part of the filmed proceedings and accompanying sound in subsequent news, current affairs and documentary programs.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Beazley moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 11.04 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 May 1988:  
 Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Order—L5/88—Livestock for slaughter or breeding purposes to the Socialist Republic of Romania.  
 National Health Act—Declaration pursuant to subsection 85 (2), dated 10 May 1988.  
 Public Service Act—Determinations—1988—Nos. 69, 70, 74, 75, 76, 77.

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

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
 Clerk of the House of Representatives