

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 69

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 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 **EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 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 Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia), 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 is of the opinion that:*

- (1) the Government has misled exporters; and
- (2) the amendments in this Bill constitute fundamental changes to the Export Market Development Grants Scheme and as such are a breach of the undertakings given by the Prime Minister and the then Minister for Trade during the 1987 election campaign that the scheme would be allowed to run its full course”—

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 Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.

3 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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 notes that:

- (1) this is the highest taxing Government in the post-war history of Australia;
- (2) the Government has mainly relied on bracket creep through the various personal income tax brackets, and also on the introduction of new incentive-sapping taxes such as the fringe benefits tax and capital gains tax to fund its Budget surplus;
- (3) such new taxes represent increased complexity and uncertainty in the administration of the taxation system and so decrease efficiency and equity;
- (4) the Government has lost sight of the needed direction for Australia’s future; and
- (5) the Government should accept that the highest priority needs to be given to reducing the enormous tax burden, so that the standard of living of

Australians can be improved while at the same time addressing the nation's external economic problems".

Debate continued.

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

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

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

Broadcasting Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report for 1986-87—Corrigenda.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Mining and minerals processing plant and equipment; construction, earthmoving, materials handling and agricultural equipment; railway rolling stock; pumps and compressors; and certain associated service industries, dated 24 June 1988 (No. 413).

Precious metals, gems and jewellery, dated 3 May 1988 (No. 412).

Ships, boats and other vessels, dated 29 June 1988 (No. 414).

Northern Land Council—Report for 1986-87.

Tiwi Land Council—8th Report, for 1986-87.

6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INCOME TAXES AND LIVING STANDARDS:** The House was informed that Mr Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Hawke Government's failure to cut the current high personal income taxes and to improve the standard of living of Australians".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION BILL 1988:** Mr Hand (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hand moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Mr Hand presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

8 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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 Moore (see entry No. 3)—*

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.

9 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED: Mr Carlton moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Treasurer from explaining why he has not responded to the request of the honourable Member for Mackellar for an explanation by 6 p.m. tonight as to whether or not he arrived in Japan on his recent visit without valid entry documents.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 70

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

NOES, 50

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Sharp
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Nehl*	Mr Tuckey
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Rocher	
Mr Carlton	Dr Hewson	Mr Ruddock	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 50

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Sharp
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Nehl*	Mr Tuckey
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Rocher	
Mr Carlton	Dr Hewson	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 71

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

#### 11 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (TABLING AND DISALLOWANCE) 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 Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Schedule—

Page 4, item relating to the *Broadcasting Act 1942*, omit “subsection 125E (3)”, substitute “subsections 17 (3) and 125E (3)”.

Page 4, omit “*Companies and Securities (Interpretation and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1980*—subsection 4 (2)”.

Page 4, item relating to the *Family Law Act 1975*, before “subsections” insert “section 26E and”.

Page 10, item relating to the *Australian National Airlines Act 1945*, omit the item and the heading to the item.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Ruddock reported accordingly.

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

- 12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REFERENDUM (MACHINERY PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1988: Message No. 208, dated 24 August 1988, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984'*". Bill read a first time.

Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Mr West presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REFERENDUM (MACHINERY PROVISIONS) (INFORMAL BALLOT-PAPERS) AMENDMENT BILL 1988: Message No. 209, dated 24 August 1988, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984' in relation to informal ballot-papers'*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sharp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) seconded the motion.

Debate adjourned (Mr West—Minister for Administrative Services), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 August 1988:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1988—No. 4—Survey of manufacturing technology.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 197.

Currency Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 200.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 199.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 11 August 1988.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, Nos. 201, 202.

Torres Strait Fisheries Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 198.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Duncan, Mr Hicks, Mr McGauran, Mr Reith and Mrs Sullivan.

**A. R. BROWNING**

Clerk of the House of Representatives