

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 70

THURSDAY, 25 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 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Aldred, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Charles, Mr Cunningham, Mr Jones, Mr Lloyd, Mr McArthur and Mr Peacock, from 34, 13, 40, 289, 20, 38, 20 and 76 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
 - Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Holding, Mr Jenkins, Mr Millar, Mr Milton, Mr Peacock and Mr Scholes, from 103, 11, 29, 143, 87, 122 and 24 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Parliament acknowledges and affirms certain matters concerning Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders.
 - Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Duffy, Mr Webster, Mr Wilson and Mr Wright, from 8, 10, 20, 17 and 9 petitioners, respectively, praying that the House call a national day of prayer for Australia.
 - Mr Andrew, Mr Cunningham and Mr Smith, from 49, 36 and 230 petitioners, respectively, praying that X rated video material and its R rated equivalent be refused classification for the purpose of Commonwealth laws.
 - Mr Burr, Mr Jull and Mr Millar, from 137, 102 and 66 petitioners, respectively, praying that the decision to place certain pharmaceutical drugs on the authority only listing be abandoned.
 - Mr Campbell, Mr Pratt and Mr Webster, from 6, 45 and 112 petitioners, respectively, 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 Cleeland, Mr Cunningham and Mr Jenkins, from 297, 57 and 456 petitioners, respectively, praying that due consideration be given to increasing the amount of funds available to local government authorities for roadworks.
 - Dr Blewett and Mr Duncan, from 11 and 187 petitioners, respectively, praying that the funding level for nursing and personal care staff hours be raised in all States.
 - Mr N. A. Brown and Mr Hawker, from 13 and 117 petitioners, respectively, praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.
 - Mr T. A. Fischer and Mr Hicks, from 128 and 57 petitioners, respectively, praying that the incidence of crime and violence broadcast on television be reduced.
 - Mr Burr, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Porter, Mr Reith and Mrs Sullivan, from 529 petitioners, 16 residents of the Division of Maranoa, 11 electors of the Division of Barker, 32 residents of the Division of Flinders and 131 petitioners, respectively, in similar terms.

- Mr Fitzgibbon and Mr Hunt, from 40 and 36 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Department of Social Security establish a full-time office in Muswellbrook, NSW, to serve the Upper Hunter region.
- Mr Milton and Mr Scott, from 12 and 183 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 Ruddock and Mr Webster, from 210 and 42 petitioners, respectively, praying that all advertising of alcohol on radio and television be banned.
- Mr Scott and Mr Webster, from 1036 and 227 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 Spender and Mr Webster, from 2 and 5 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Constitutional Alteration (Electors' Initiative) Bill 1987 be referred to a parliamentary committee and certain other action be taken in relation to the Bill.
- Dr Woods, from 203 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Aldred, from 102 residents of Victoria, praying that the sales tax on soya bean milk be repealed.
- Mr Andrew, from 41 petitioners, praying that legislation be passed to make participation in Government statistical surveys voluntary and to protect the privacy of Australians.
- Mr Rocher, from 766 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Blewett, from 74 petitioners, praying that funding levels for child care services not be reduced.
- Mr Burr, from 76 petitioners, praying that action be taken to prevent dumped cement and clinker being imported into Australia.
- Mrs Darling, from 10 petitioners, praying that the pensioner tax free threshold be adjusted by increasing the \$250 pensioner rebate.
- Mrs Darling, from 9 petitioners, praying that pensioners be exempt from paying provisional tax.
- Mr Downer, from 210 petitioners, praying that the Coromandel Valley post office agency, SA, be retained.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 162 petitioners, praying that the hire and sale of R, X and the proposed Non-Violent Erotica rated videos be banned.
- Mr Free, from 50 petitioners, praying that tobacco advertising and sponsorship be free from Government control and certain other action be taken in relation to tobacco.
- Mr Hall, from 75 petitioners, praying that entry into Australia by homosexuals under the family reunion program be forbidden.
- Mr Hall, from 8 petitioners, praying that neither the graduate tax nor any type of tertiary tuition fee be adopted.
- Mr Halverson, from 19 petitioners, praying that the decision to place certain drugs on the 'Authorities Required' list be reversed.
- Mr Halverson, from 700 petitioners, praying that some form of action be taken to relieve hardship caused by the imposition of the 20% tax on bonsoy.
- Mr Hand, from 5 petitioners, praying that the wishes of the Hellenic people to be known as Hellenes be noted.
- Mr Hawker, from 420 residents of the Division of Wannon, praying that the incidence of crime and violence broadcast on television be reduced and tighter controls on the sale and classification of videos be introduced.
- Mr Humphreys, from 658 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 Jull, from 257 residents of Queensland, praying that the Fruitgrove post office, Qld, be retained.

- Mr Kerin, from 134 petitioners, praying that Western Tasmania Stage 2 immediately be nominated for World Heritage listing.
- Mr Kerin, from 3225 petitioners, praying that future grazing of cattle in the Mersey high country, Tas., be guaranteed and certain other action be taken to preserve the heritage of Tasmania's mountain cattlemen.
- Mr Kerr, from 13 petitioners, praying that measures be taken to ensure that the ABC continues to offer comprehensive broadcasting services under its present charter.
- Mr Langmore, from 344 petitioners, praying that adequate resources be provided to allow year 11 and 12 places at the Catholic secondary school at Isabella Plains, ACT.
- Mr Langmore, from 138 petitioners, praying that any proposal for, or legislation permitting, a casino in the ACT be rejected.
- Mr Langmore, from 122 petitioners, praying that mining and mineral exploration in the Kakadu conservation zone be halted and certain other action be taken in relation to Kakadu National Park.
- Mr Lloyd, from 18 petitioners, praying that the decision to place the anti-epileptic medication "Epilim" on the "Authority only" listing be rescinded.
- Mr Lloyd, from 46 electors of the Division of Indi, praying that road funding levels be increased through a clear dedication of a proportion of fuel excise collected and certain other action be taken in relation to road funding arrangements.
- Mr Lloyd, from 427 residents of the Division of Murray and 25 residents of the Divisions of Murray and Bendigo, praying that local government be allocated more resources to address the problem of deteriorating road networks.
- Mr Tuckey, from 182 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr McArthur, from 51 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 147 petitioners, praying that the sale of violent videos, books and toys of violence be banned.
- Mr McArthur, from 20 electors of the Division of Corangamite, praying that there will be no further public release of confidential medical information.
- Mr McArthur, from 486 electors of the Division of Corangamite, praying that inclusion of the Red Rock Craters and Lakes area of the Colac Shire, Vic., on the Australian Heritage Commission National Register be rejected.
- Mr Mildren, from 990 electors of the Division of Ballarat, praying that the importance of roads to the economy be recognised, federal funds for roads be increased and certain other action be taken in relation to road funding.
- Mr Mildren, from 97 petitioners, praying that the re-introduction of X-rated videos under the guise of Non-Violent Erotica not be allowed.
- Mr Millar, from 15 residents of the Division of Wide Bay, praying that plans to time-charge local telephone calls by Telecom which adversely affect the elderly, sick and disabled be rejected.
- Mr Milton, from 21 petitioners, praying that timed local calls, directory assistance charging, privatisation and de-regulation of the Australian telecommunications system be prevented.
- Mr Milton, from 10 petitioners, praying that the dismantling of the ABC and the introduction of any form of sponsorship or advertising material from commercial sources into its programs be opposed.
- Mr Moore, from 49 petitioners, praying that those involved in the public release of confidential medical information be censured.
- Mr Nehl, from 20 residents of the Division of Cowper, praying that the referendum to alter the Constitution to provide for 4-year maximum terms for both Houses of the Parliament not proceed.

- Mr Nehl, from 25 residents of the Division of Cowper, praying that the taxation threshold for those receiving aged pensions be increased to \$10 000.
- Mr O'Keefe, from 179 pathology laboratory staff, praying that there be a reform of the pathology legislation in the interest of fair, equitable and rational public administration.
- Mr Peacock, from 5 petitioners, praying that a request be made to the Romanian Government to abandon plans to destroy 7000 villages.
- Mr Pratt, from 150 petitioners, praying that high priority be given to combating the problems of the earth's depleting ozone layer and the greenhouse effect.
- Mr Rocher, from 15 petitioners, praying that amendments to ACT legislation and customs regulations which permit the distribution of pornographic material be reversed.
- Mr Rocher, from 885 petitioners, praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Ruddock, from 15 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Smith, from 1160 petitioners, praying that the Newnham Court Newsagency post office, Tas., be retained.
- Mr Taylor, from 413 petitioners, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Tuckey, from 898 petitioners, praying that legislation be passed to enable a constitutional change to allow voters referenda to initiate or veto legislation.
- Mr Tuckey, from 72 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Tuckey, from 36 petitioners, praying that legislation be passed to enable the Constitution to be altered to provide for a citizen initiated referendum.
- Mr Tuckey, from 76 petitioners, praying that patients paying the same Medicare insurance levy receive an equal Medicare rebate for services regardless of where they are provided.
- Mr Webster, from 718 petitioners, praying that the termination of the Medicare agency rights for the Western District Health Fund and the withdrawal of Medicare services in Springwood, NSW, be prevented.
- Mr West, from 209 residents of the Illawarra region, NSW, praying that a federal commitment to a high quality of care in all children's services be continued and certain other action be taken in relation to child care services.

Petitions received.

3 INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beddall (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology:

Investment in Australian manufacturing—
Report, dated July 1988.
Evidence received by the committee.
Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Beddall, Mr Hawker, Mr Baldwin and Dr Wooldridge made statements in connection with the report.

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

Mr Beddall 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.

4 ONE VOTE ONE VALUE: Mr Tickner, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House supports the principle of one vote one value for elections to State and federal Parliaments of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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 Lee was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

- 5 FOUR-YEAR PARLIAMENTARY TERMS:** Mr Cobb, pursuant to notice, moved—That the first referendum question regarding 4-year parliamentary terms does not guarantee 4 years between elections and will weaken the independence of the Senate.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

- 6 PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND RURAL POVERTY:** Mr P. S. Fisher, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) recognises the impact of the EEC and the US farm subsidies upon the viability of the efficient Australian wheat industry;
- (2) acknowledges the contribution made to Australia's export earnings by primary industry; and
- (3) accepts an urgency to address the alarming increase in rural poverty.

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 Cunningham was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

- 7 ORDER OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS:** Mr Scholes, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) expresses its disappointment at the selection of recipients of the Companion of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 1988;
- (2) is of the opinion that the bulk of awards are issued to machinery positions, that is, to persons because they hold the positions rather than because they earned the award; and
- (3) notes that on the day of the 200th anniversary of white settlement, the Council has demeaned the Order and failed to give appropriate consideration to the main purpose of the Order of Australia to recognise achievements by Australians as distinct from the position, patronage basis of the imperial honours.

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 Ruddock 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.

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 were made.

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

- 11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF TREASURER:** Mr Carlton moved—That so much of the standing and

sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Mackellar moving forthwith a motion of censure of the Treasurer.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

- 12 **TREASURER—MOTION OF CENSURE:** Mr Carlton moved—That the Treasurer be censured for his failure to produce a current passport during his recent visit to Japan and for failing to observe the rules which are followed by all other Australians.

Debate ensued.

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, 80

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 58

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

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| Mr Baldwin | Mr Dawkins | Mrs Jakobsen | Mr Mountford |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Dubois | Mr Jenkins | Mr O'Keefe |
| Mr Beddall | Mr Duffy | Mr Johns | Mr O'Neil |
| Mr Bilney | Mr Duncan | Mr Jones | Mr Price |
| Mr Blanchard | Mr R. F. Edwards | Mr Keating | Mr Punch |
| Dr Blewett | Ms Fatin | Mrs Kelly | Mr Saunderson |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Fitzgibbon | Mr Kent | Mr Sawford |
| Mr J. J. Brown | Mr Free | Mr Kerin | 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 Snow |
| Dr Charlesworth | Mr Griffiths | Mr Lee | Mr Snowdon |
| Mr Chynoweth | Mr Hand | Mr Lindsay | Mr Staples |
| Mr Cleeland | Mrs Harvey | Ms McHugh | Dr Theophanous |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Hawke | Mr Martin | Mr Tickner |
| Mr Courtice | Mr Holding | Mr Mildren | Mr Uren |
| Ms Crawford | Mr Hollis | Mr Milton | Mr West |
| Mr Cross | Mr Howe | Mr A. A. Morris | Mr Willis |
| Mr Cunningham* | Mr Humphreys | Mr P. F. Morris | Mr Wright |

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 13 **PAPER:** The Deputy Speaker, for Madam Speaker, presented the following paper:
Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.
- 14 **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, 1 September 1988.
- 15 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Financing the Australian Capital Territory—Part 1—Summary of findings—3rd Report (1988).
Customs Administration Act—Australian Customs Service—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.
Expenditure—Standing Committee—Reports on Telecom's zonal and charging policies for—
Capital and large provincial cities entitled 'Ringing in the changes'—Revised proposals for implementation of the Government response, dated 25 August 1988.
Rural and remote areas entitled 'Poles apart'—Government response, dated 25 August 1988.
Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 44—Sentencing.

Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987.

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICE: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 1, government business, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

17 IMMIGRATION POLICY: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) acknowledges the historic action of the Holt Government, with bipartisan support from the Australian Labor Party, in initiating the dismantling of the White Australia Policy;
- (2) recognises that since 1973, successive Labor and Liberal/National Party Governments have, with bipartisan support, pursued a racially non-discriminatory immigration policy to the overwhelming national, and international, benefit of Australia; and
- (3) gives its unambiguous and unqualified commitment to the principle that, whatever criteria are applied by Australian Governments in exercising their sovereign right to determine the composition of the immigration intake, race or ethnic origin shall never, explicitly or implicitly, be among them.

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "this House:

- (1) acknowledges the historic action of the Holt Government, with bipartisan support from the Australian Labor Party, in initiating the dismantling of the White Australia policy;
- (2) confirms a total commitment to equal treatment and equal opportunity for all Australians regardless of race, colour, creed or country of origin within the framework of a just and tolerant society;
- (3) condemns the Hawke Government's maladministration of immigration policy over the past five years which has led to public disquiet as evidenced by the findings of the FitzGerald Committee;
- (4) confirms that it is the very essence of national sovereignty that only the democratically elected government has the right to determine both the overall and the specific composition of our migrant intake;
- (5) confirms, without qualification, that it must be the role of the elected government, acting on behalf of and with the support of the whole community, to make the final and absolute decisions on who will or will not be granted entry to Australia on a temporary or permanent basis;
- (6) confirms that this means that any government must reserve the right from time to time to vary and alter policy, including adjustments to the size and composition of the immigration program in response to changing requirements, be they social, economic, political or humanitarian;
- (7) confirms that established principles of any immigration policy will always be subject to this overriding right;
- (8) confirms that migrants accepted for permanent settlement in Australia must share the Australian people's basic values and commitments and be able to make a positive contribution to national well-being and advancement;
- (9) expresses its support for One Australia and welcomes all those who share that vision and are ready to contribute to it; and
- (10) confirms that:
 - (a) no person other than an Australian citizen, or a permanent resident of the Australian community, has a basic right to enter Australia;

- (b) migrant entry criteria should be developed on the basis of the economic and social benefit to the Australian community for people other than those admitted for family reunion or as refugees and as a general principle, Australia should not admit for settlement people who would represent an economic burden to Australia through inordinate claims on welfare, health or other resources, or who would endanger the community by criminal or other anti-social activities, or whose entry would be to their own detriment;
- (c) the capacity of the Australian people to accept and absorb change must always be a major factor in immigration policy and the size and composition of our immigration policy should not jeopardise social cohesiveness and harmony within the Australian community;
- (d) in selecting between one individual and another immigration policy will not discriminate against applicants on the basis of their race, colour, nationality, descent, national or ethnic origin, gender or religion;
- (e) applicants should be considered for immigration as individuals or individual family units, not as community groups and an exception will be refugees in designated refugee situations, although even in such circumstances, the criteria for selection will be related to the characteristics of individual applicants;
- (f) the standard for eligibility and suitability of migrants should reflect Australian social mores and Australian law; polygamous unions will not be accepted, nor the entry of child fiance/es and the concept of "immediate family" for eligibility purposes will be derived from the Australian norm, that is, the unit consisting of husband, wife, dependent children and aged parents;
- (g) migrants will be expected to respect the institutions and principles which are basic to Australian society, including parliamentary democracy, the rule of law and equality before the law, freedom of the individual, freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, equality for women, universal education and reciprocally, Australia will be committed to facilitating equal opportunity for participation of migrants in society;
- (h) immigration to Australia should be for permanent settlement, although there should be no barrier preventing the departure of people wishing to leave and the guest-worker immigration flow, until recently popular in the industrialised countries of Western Europe, will not be adopted for Australia;
- (i) citizenship is the ultimate expression of an individual's commitment to Australia and its future and requires respect for Australia's institutions and values and migration to Australia should lead to Australian citizenship;
- (j) while migrants will have the same rights as other Australian residents to choose their place of residence individually or collectively, enclave settlement will not be encouraged; and
- (k) policies governing entry and settlement should be based on the premise that migrants want to integrate into the Australian society and migrants will be given every opportunity, consistent with this premise, to preserve and disseminate their culture heritage".

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Duffy—Minister for Trade Negotiations), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

18 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINERAL AND COMMODITY PRICES: 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 fallacy of a Budget strategy which relies heavily on the continued high level of mineral and commodity prices yet makes it increasingly difficult to produce them".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sinclair rising to address the House—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

19 **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Ordered—That notice No. 2 and order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

20 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1988-89—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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.

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

21 **IMMIGRATION POLICY:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), viz.—That this House—

- (1) acknowledges the historic action of the Holt Government, with bipartisan support from the Australian Labor Party, in initiating the dismantling of the White Australia Policy;
- (2) recognises that since 1973, successive Labor and Liberal/National Party Governments have, with bipartisan support, pursued a racially non-discriminatory immigration policy to the overwhelming national, and international, benefit of Australia; and
- (3) gives its unambiguous and unqualified commitment to the principle that, whatever criteria are applied by Australian Governments in exercising their sovereign right to determine the composition of the immigration intake, race or ethnic origin shall never, explicitly or implicitly, be among them—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) (see entry No. 17)—*

Debate resumed.

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)—

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| Mr Baldwin | Mr Dawkins | Mr Johns | Mr Price |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Dubois | Mr Jones | Mr Punch |
| Mr Beddall | Mr Duffy | Mr Keating | Mr Saunderson |
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| Mr Campbell | Mr Grace | Mr Lindsay | Mr Staples |
| Mr Charles | Mr Griffiths | Ms McHugh | Dr Theophanous |
| Mr Chynoweth | Mr Hand | Mr Martin | Mr Tickner |
| Mr Cleeland | Mrs Harvey | Mr Mildren | Mr Uren |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Hawke | Mr Milton | Mr West |
| Mr Courtice | Mr Holding | Mr A. A. Morris | Mr Willis |
| Ms Crawford | Mr Hollis | Mr P. F. Morris | Mr Wright |
| Mr Cross | Mr Howe | Mr Mountford | |
| Mr Cunningham* | Mrs Jakobsen | Mr O'Keefe | |
| Mrs Darling | Mr Jenkins | Mr O'Neil | |

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question--That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question--being accordingly put--

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

AYES, 78

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

NOES, 58

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question--That the motion be agreed to--put.

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

AYES, 81

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

NOES, 53

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Connolly | Mr Lloyd | Mr Sharp |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Cowan | Mr McArthur | Mr Shipton |
| Mr Andrew* | Mr Downer | Mr McGauran | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Beale | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr Miles | Mr Smith |
| Mr Blunt | Mr Fife | Mr Millar | Mr Spender |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr T. A. Fischer | Mr Moore | Mr Taylor |
| Mr N. A. Brown | Mr P. S. Fisher | Mr Nehl* | Mr Tuckey |
| Mr Burr | Mr Goodluck | Mr Porter | Mr Webster |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Halverson | Mr Pratt | Mr White |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Hawker | Mr Prosser | Dr Woods |
| Mr E. C. Cameron | Dr Hewson | Mr Reith | Dr Wooldridge |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Howard | Mr Robinson | |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Hunt | Mr Rocher | |
| Mr Cobb | Mr Jull | Mr Shack | |

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 22 **REFERENDUM (MACHINERY PROVISIONS) 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—
Debate resumed.

Adjournment negatived: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was 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 negatived.

Debate continued.

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.

- 23 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—UPDATED BUDGET AND PROGRESS REPORT—**
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the updated budget and the progress of work on the new Parliament House.
Mr Porter, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

24 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
And then the House, at 11.41 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 August 1988:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report for 1987.

National Health Act—Declaration pursuant to subsection—

85 (2), dated—

18 July 1988.

29 July 1988.

85 (2AA), dated 18 July 1988.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1988—Nos. 95, 122, 150, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 176, 177, 178, 179.

Telecommunications Act—

Australian Telecommunications Commission By-laws—

Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendment No. 53.

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 82.

Direction pursuant to subsection 7 (1), dated 18 July 1988.

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

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives