

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 75

TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1988

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, following the resignation from the Ministry of Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade), His Excellency the Governor-General made the following ministerial appointments on 2 September 1988:
- Senator Evans as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade;
 - Mr Willis as Minister for Transport and Communications;
 - Mr P. F. Morris as Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Public Service Matters;
 - Senator Ray as Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Multicultural Affairs;
 - Mr Holding as Minister for the Arts and Territories in the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories portfolio, Minister Assisting the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister, including in relation to the bicentenary;
 - Mr Punch as Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support in the Transport and Communications portfolio; and
 - Mr R. J. Brown as Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support in the Transport and Communications portfolio.
- Mr Hawke also informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Keating (Treasurer) and Senator Richardson (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories), Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) was acting as Treasurer and Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts and Territories) was acting as Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories.
- 3 **REFERENDUMS—COST—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement relating to the cost of the recent referendums.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBER—FLAG—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker made a statement concerning the display of the Australian flag in the House of Representatives Chamber.
- 6 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
- Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statements for May and June 1988.
 - Advance to the Minister for Finance for 1987-88—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901*.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987.

Christmas Island Act—Services Corporation Ordinance—Christmas Island Services Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.

Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement—Supplemental agreement, dated 25 August 1988, to the Housing Agreement of 12 March 1985, between the Commonwealth of Australia, the States, and the Northern Territory of Australia.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Coastal shipping, dated 20 July 1988 (No. 415)—

Part A: Summary and findings.

Part B: Report; and Part C: Appendices.

Life Insurance Act—Insurance and Superannuation Commission Life Insurance Group—

Half yearly financial bulletin on life insurance, dated June 1987.

Report for 1987.

Maritime College Act—Council of the Australian Maritime College—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987.

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1987.

Meteorology Policy Committee—Report for 1987.

National Health and Medical Research Council—Report—103rd session, Hobart, June 1987.

Overseas Professional Qualifications—Council—Report for 1986-87, including review of developments in the Council's first term of appointment, 1984-87.

Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987.

United Nations—Reports of Australian delegations to—

Commission on Human Rights—43rd session, Geneva, 2 February to 13 March 1987.

Conference on disarmament—1987 session, Geneva, 3 February to 28 August 1987.

General Assembly—42nd session, 1987.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—VICTORIA'S DEBT BURDEN AND STANDARD OF LIVING:** 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 danger that Victoria's huge debt burden poses for the standard of living of many Australians".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Peacock addressed the House.

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

Victorian election—

Costing of Liberals election promises—Press release No. 104 of Mr Keating, Treasurer, dated 19 September 1988.

State Budget Aggregates 1982-83 to 1986-87—Tables 10 and 11 from Budget paper No. 4.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Report relating to stage 2 development of RAAF Base, Tindal, NT (10th Report of 1988).
- Ordered to be printed.

- 9 **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.

Adjournment negatived: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

- 10 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts and Territories) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.31 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 September 1988:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1988—

No. 10—New topics to be included as supplements to the labour force survey.

No. 11—New topic to be included as a supplement to the labour force survey: superannuation.

No. 12—Monthly collection of statistics on materials used in mining operations.

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 221.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Order—1988—MS13/88—Carriage of meat by sea to Canada and the United States of America.

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 200—Academic Progress (Repeal and Transitional Provisions).

No. 201—Enrolment, Courses and Degrees Amendment No. 24.

Bounty and Subsidy Acts—Returns for 1987-88, pursuant to the following Acts—

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors and Equipment).

Bounty (Bed Sheeting).

Bounty (Berry Fruits).

Bounty (Books) Act 1969.

Bounty (Books) Act 1986.

Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles).

Bounty (Computers).

Bounty (High Alloy Steel Products).

Bounty (Injection-Moulding Equipment).

Bounty (Metal Working Machine Tools).

Bounty (Metal Working Machines and Robots).

Bounty (Printed Fabrics).

Bounty (Ship Repair).

Bounty (Ships).

Bounty (Steel Mill Products).

Bounty (Textile Yarns).

- Fertilisers Subsidy.
- Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy.
- Phosphate Fertilizers Subsidy.
- Subsidy (Cultivation Machines and Equipment).
- Subsidy (Grain Harvesters and Equipment).
- Broadcasting Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 225.
- Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1988—No. 4—Casino Control.
- Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Order Part 105—Amendments, dated 21 and 22 September 1988.
- Copyright Act—Declarations (3) pursuant to paragraph 10A (1) (b), dated 1 September 1988.
- Defence Act—Determinations under—
 - Section 52—1988—No. 1—Defence Force (Superannuation Interim Arrangement).
 - Section 58B—1988—
 - No. 43—Travelling Allowance.
 - No. 44—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.
 - No. 45—Submarine Service Allowance and other allowances.
 - No. 46—District Allowance and other allowances.
 - No. 47—Travelling Allowance.
 - No. 48—Long Service Leave.
 - No. 49—District Allowance and Temporary Rental Allowance.
 - No. 50—Overseas Living Allowance and other allowances.
 - Nos. 51 and 52—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.
 - No. 53—Overseas Living Allowance and other allowances.
 - No. 54—Unpredictable Explosives Allowance and other allowances.
- Excise Act—Declaration pursuant to section 78B, dated 31 August 1988.
- Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 217.
- Fisheries Act—Notice—No. 215.
- Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1988, Nos. 218, 230.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for the purposes of—
 - Aviation—
 - Botany Bay, NSW.
 - Cribb Island, Qld.
 - Mascot, NSW.
 - Australian Wool Corporation, Botany, NSW.
- Marriage Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 223.
- Meat Inspection Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 227.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, Nos. 226, 232.
- Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1988—
 - No. 3—Marine, Part 3.
 - No. 4—Marine, Part 6.
 - No. 5—Marine, Part 9.
 - No. 6—Marine, Part 2.
- Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 222.
- Public Service Act—
 - Determinations—1988—Nos. 140, 146, 165, 175, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 186, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 194, 195, 196, 198, 199, 200, 202, 203, 204, 206.
 - Regulation—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 224.
- Radiocommunications Act—Guidelines—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 228.
- Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 219.
- Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 220.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Determination—1988—No. 13—Listing fees and charges for purposes of the Community and Health Service Ordinance.

Ordinances—1988—

No. 53—Taxation (Administration) (Amendment) (No. 3).

No. 54—Taxation (Administration) (Amendment) (No. 4).

No. 55—Stamp Duties and Taxes (Amendment).

No. 56—Stamp Duties and Taxes (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 57—Electricity and Water (Amendment).

No. 58—Architects (Amendment).

No. 59—Health Professions Boards (Procedures) (Amendment).

No. 60—Health Professions Boards (Elections) (Amendment).

No. 61—Nurses.

No. 62—Nurses (Consequential Amendments).

No. 63—Rates and Land Tax (Amendment).

No. 64—Long Service Leave (Building and Construction Industry) (Amendment) (No. 3).

No. 65—Schools Authority (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 66—Housing Assistance (Amendment).

No. 67—Lakes (Amendment).

No. 68—Traffic (Amendment).

No. 69—Apprenticeship (Amendment).

No. 70—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 7).

No. 71—Noise Control.

No. 72—Casino Control.

Regulations—1988—No. 16 (Long Service Leave (Building and Construction Industry) Ordinance).

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, Nos. 229, 231.

World Heritage Properties Conservation Act—Notice of consents pursuant to section 9, dated 12 September 1988.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Campbell, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Cleeland, Mrs Darling, Mr Hall, Mr Jull, Mr Katter, Mr Keating, Mr Langmore, Mr MacKellar, Mr Mountford, Mr O'Neil, Mr Pratt, Mr Saunderson, Mr Shipton and Mr Simmons.

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