

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 78

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1988

- 1 The House met, at 2.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), Senator Tate (Minister for Justice) was acting as Attorney-General and would be represented in this House by Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts and Territories).  
Mr Hawke also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) and the absence, for family reasons, of Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health), Mr Staples (Minister for Housing and Aged Care) was performing Mr Humphreys' duties and was acting as Minister for Community Services and Health.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
Administrative Review Council—Report No. 30—Access to administrative review: provision of legal and financial assistance in administrative law matters.  
Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.  
Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—  
    Casting the net—Report on post-harvest technologies and opportunities in the fishing industry, dated September 1988.  
    Report for 1987-88.  
Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1986-87.  
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—  
    Financing the Australian Capital Territory—Part 2—Analysis of findings—3rd Report (1988).  
    55th Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.  
Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Council—  
    Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.  
High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.  
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 1987-88.  
National Commission Police Services—Australian Police Ministers' Council—Report for 1986-87.  
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—65th Report, for 1987-88.

5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—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 threat that the Keating-Hawke Government's confusion over economic policy poses for living standards in Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1988-89:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$86 006 000—

Department of Finance, \$128 071 000—

Department of the Treasury, \$855 913 000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$170 000 000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$441 469 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport and Communications, \$865 975 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Employment, Education and Training, \$2 234 112 000—

Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$395 668 000—

together debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That consideration of the proposed expenditure for the Department of Defence be postponed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industries and Energy, \$352 533 000—debated.

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Cowan reported accordingly.

7 **ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—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.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 October 1988:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders—1988—

M39/88—1989 Performance.

MQ25/88—High Quality Beef to EEC—1989 Quota Administration Scheme.

MQ26/88—Sheepmeat and/or Goatmeat to EEC—1989 Quota Administration Scheme.

MQ27/88—Buffalo Meat to EEC—1989 Quota Administration Scheme.

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 202—Law Reform (Admission and Enrolment).

No. 203—Limitation on Admission to Degrees Amendment No. 1.

Banking Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 233.

- Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—1988—Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14.
- Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1988—  
No. 12—Export Control (Dried Fruits) (Amendment).  
No. 16—Export Control (Fees) as amended (Amendment).
- Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 241.
- Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 242.
- Export Inspection (Service Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 244.
- Family Law Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 236.
- Fisheries Act—Copy of agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and East Australian Development Fishing Company Proprietary Limited, dated 20 September 1988.
- Grain Legumes Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 235.
- Health Insurance Act—Determinations pursuant to subsection 3C (1), dated—  
2 June 1988.  
3 June 1988.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 7 (1).
- Meat Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 243.
- Meat Inspection Act—Meat Inspection (Orders) Regulations—Order—1988—No. 7—Meat Inspection (Fees) as amended (Amendment).
- National Health Act—  
Authorisation for the purposes of paragraph 40AA (6) (ce), dated 19 August 1988.  
Determination, pursuant to paragraph 40AH (b), dated 15 June 1988.  
Principles, formulated under subsection—  
40AA (7), dated 29 June 1988.  
40AFA (3), dated 29 June 1988.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 234.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, Nos. 238, 239, 240.
- Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following sections of Acts shall come into operation—  
*Community Services and Health Legislation Amendment Act 1988*—Sections 12, 29, 30, 32 and 34—1 October 1988.  
*Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment Act 1986*—Provisions other than sections 1 and 2—23 September 1988.
- Public Service Act—Determinations—1988—Nos. 193, 197, 205, 207, 208, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—  
Determination—1988/9—Chief Executive Officer, Civil Aviation Authority and holders of public offices on other bodies.  
Report—1988/1—Justices and Judges.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Determinations listing fees for the purposes of the following Ordinances—  
No. 21—Agents.  
No. 22—Architects.  
No. 23—Building.  
No. 24—Building and Services.  
No. 25—Cemeteries.  
No. 26—City Area Leases.  
No. 27—Co-operative Societies.  
No. 28—Dangerous Goods.  
No. 29—Dog Control.  
No. 30—Hawkers.

- No. 31—Lakes.
  - No. 32—Machinery.
  - No. 33—Motor Omnibus Services.
  - No. 34—Motor Traffic.
  - No. 35—Nature Conservation.
  - No. 36—Plumbers, Drainers and Gasfitters Board.
  - No. 37—Pounds.
  - No. 38—Rabbit Destruction.
  - No. 39—Racecourses.
  - Nos. 40 and 41—Real Property.
  - No. 42—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
  - No. 43—Registration of Deeds.
  - No. 44—Sale of Motor Vehicles.
  - No. 45—Scaffolding and Lifts.
  - No. 46—Stock.
  - No. 47—Surveyors.
  - No. 48—Unit Titles.
  - No. 49—Water Pollution.
  - No. 50—Weights and Measures.
- Shipping Registration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1988, No. 237.
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mr Bowen, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Brumby, Mr Burr, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Courtice, Mrs Darling, Mr Duffy, Mr Hall, Mr Humphreys, Mr Keating, Dr Klugman, Mr McArthur, Mr Millar, Mr Moore, Mr Mountford, Mr O'Keefe, Mr O'Neil and Dr Wooldridge.

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