

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 98

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 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 as follows:
 - Mr Beale, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Courtice, Mr Cross, Mr Dobie, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Fife, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Halverson, Mr Howard, Mr Hunt, Mr Kent, Mr Lindsay, Mr Lloyd, Mr Martin, Mr Moore, Mr Peacock, Mr Smith, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Tuckey, Mr Webster and Mr White, from 28, 476, 135, 43, 200, 54, 27, 27, 26, 79, 153, 74, 27, 107, 54, 297, 26, 27, 51, 54, 110, 57 and 27 petitioners, respectively, praying that the decision to place certain pharmaceutical drugs on the authority only listing be abandoned.
 - Mr Miles, Mr Smith and Mr Webster, from 19, 243 and 51 petitioners, respectively, praying that X-rated video material and its R-rated equivalent be refused classification for the purpose of Commonwealth laws.
 - Mr Punch, Mr J. L. Scott and Mr Webster, from 176, 55 and 439 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 Kent and Mr Milton, from 353 and 79 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 Langmore and Mr Webster, from 36 000 and 36 000 petitioners, respectively, praying that the House call a national day of prayer for Australia.
 - Mr Beale, from 1 petitioner, praying that the national flag not be changed except by referendum.
 - Mr Beale, from 1 petitioner, praying that a request be made to the Romanian Government to abandon plans to destroy 7000 villages.
 - Mr Beazley, from 35 residents of Western Australia, praying that an independent inquiry be appointed to investigate and report on the administrative and financial management of the Spastic Welfare Association of Western Australia (Incorporated).
 - Mr N. A. Brown, from 50 petitioners, praying that the proposed changes to the pension income test be abandoned.
 - Dr Charlesworth, from 22 petitioners, praying that the Constitution Alteration (Electors Initiative) Bill 1987 be referred to a parliamentary committee and certain other action be taken in relation to the Bill.
 - Mr Cross, from 225 petitioners, praying that the May and November adjustment dates for the aged pension be restored and certain other action be taken in relation to the pension.

- Mr Cunningham, from 52 residents of the Shire of Warragul, Vic., in the Division of McMillan, praying that the incidence of crime and violence broadcast on television be reduced.
- Mrs Sullivan, from 483 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Dr H. R. Edwards, from 25 petitioners, praying that regulations be introduced to stop non eligible recipients from receiving social security payments and certain other action be taken in relation to social security payments.
- Dr H. R. Edwards, from 2 petitioners, praying that the assets test, capital gains tax, fringe benefits tax and tax on lump sum superannuation be repealed.
- Mr R. F. Edwards, from 1651 petitioners, praying that Shark Bay, WA, be recognised as fulfilling the criteria for World Heritage Listing and that immediate steps be taken to include the Bay on the World Heritage List.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 73 petitioners, praying that PAYE taxes and all sales taxes be reduced by one third and certain action be taken in relation to government and statutory authority charges.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 4633 petitioners, praying that a Defence Force vehicle drivers licence and a Defence Force motor vehicle registration be granted for use Australia wide.
- Mr Hand, from 53 petitioners, praying that the decision to place the anti-epileptic medication "Epilim" on the "Authority only" listing be rescinded.
- Mr Hawke, from 142 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 Howard, from 11 198 petitioners, praying that funds be allocated to purchase, restore and manage May Gibbs' house and garden, "Nutcote", NSW, as a publicly accessible gallery.
- Mr Jull, from 20 petitioners, praying that it be recognised that there are different childbirth procedures and a system for different reimbursement of fees be provided by Medicare.
- Mr McArthur, from 6 petitioners, praying that legislation which would reduce pension entitlements and access to fringe benefits not apply retrospectively in relation to certain forms of investment.
- Mr McArthur, from 11 petitioners, praying that the sale of violent videos, books and toys of violence be banned.
- Mr Miles, from 141 residents of Turners Beach, Ulverstone, Tas., praying that a daily postal delivery service be established at Turners Beach.
- Mr Miles, from 174 petitioners, praying that the conclusion of a treaty between Aboriginal and other Australians or any proposal which divides rather than unites Australia be opposed.
- Mr Miles, from 340 residents of Tasmania, praying that the entry into Australia of the film *The Last Temptation of Christ* be rejected.
- Mr Miles, from 63 electors of the Division of Braddon, praying that the proposed closure of the Burnie, Tas., office of the Australian Electoral Commission be opposed.
- Mr Miles, from 719 petitioners, praying that all advertising of alcohol on radio and television be banned.
- Mr Punch, from 866 petitioners, praying that the closure of the Kogarah Bay post office, NSW, be prevented.
- Mr J. L. Scott, from 240 petitioners, praying that the introduction of food irradiation into Australia be blocked and certain other action be taken in relation to the irradiation of food.
- Mr Snow, from 1032 petitioners, praying that concern be expressed to the Yugoslav Government at the contravention of human rights of 4 Slovenian civilians.

Mrs Sullivan, from 383 electors of the Division of Moncrieff, praying that a Medicare facility in the Runaway Bay and Helensvale districts, Qld, be established as soon as possible.

Mr Taylor, from 2945 petitioners, praying that the implementation of the *Disability Services Act 1986* be halted until 1 July 1989 and certain other action be taken in relation to eligible services.

Mr Taylor, from 18 petitioners, praying that the Higher Education Contribution Scheme proposed in the 1988 Budget be rejected.

Mr Tuckey, from 88 petitioners, praying that any proposal to absorb road funds into general revenue assistance to local or State Governments be opposed and certain other action be taken in relation to road funding.

Mr Webster, from 25 petitioners, praying that the film *The Last Temptation of Christ* be rejected by the Film Censorship Board.

Petitions received.

3 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Tickner, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Singapore, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea, 27 July to 16 August 1988—Report—
and made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Smith, Mr Lee and Mr Webster also made statements in connection with the report.

4 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Dr Klugman, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the Philippines and the Republic of Korea, 5-23 October 1988—Report—
and made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr McArthur and Mr Millar also made statements in connection with the report.

5 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER: Dr Klugman (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 35th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests and a statement of registrable interests received during the period 26 May to 30 November 1988.

6 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Martin (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration:

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Shifting the tax burden?—Interim report on an Auditor-General's efficiency audit of the Australian Taxation Office: international profit shifting, dated November 1983.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Martin and Mr Wilson made statements in connection with the report.

7 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—11TH REPORT: Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the 11th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

11th REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The joint committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to the Parliament since 10 November 1988, recommends that the following be printed: Aboriginal Education Policy Task Force—Report, dated August 1988.

AIDS—A time to care, a time to act: towards a strategy for Australians—Policy discussion paper.

- Aussat Pty Ltd—Report for 1987-88.
- Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Australian Bicentennial Authority—Report for 1987-88.
- Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee—Report for 1987-88.
- Australian Horticultural Corporation (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation—Final Report, for period 1 January to 31 July 1988.
- Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1987-88.
- Australian Institute of Health Act—Australian Institute of Health—Australia's health: 1st biennial report, 1988.
- Australian Sports Commission Act—Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1987-88.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 1987-88.
- Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 1987-88.
- Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report for 1987-88.
- Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1987-88.
- Commonwealth Fire Board—Report for 1987-88.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 1987-88.
- Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Supervising Scientist Report, for 1987-88.
- Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1987-88.
- International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on the operations of the Act, for 1987-88.
- National Companies and Securities Commission Act—National Companies and Securities Commission—Report for 1987-88.
- Pig Industry Act—
 Australian Pig Industry Policy Council—Report for 1987-88.
 Australian Pork Corporation—Report for 1987-88.
- Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—Report for 1987-88.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Report on the operations of the Act, for 1987-88.
- Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—Report for 1987-88.
- Public Service Act—
 Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories—
 Report for period 24 July 1987 to 30 June 1988—
 Volume I, including a report of the Public Lending Right Committee,
 for 1987-88.
 Volume II—ACT Administration.
- Department of Community Services and Health—Report for 1987-88.
- Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs—Report,
 including reports pursuant to the Immigration (Education) Act and the
 Australian Citizenship Act, for 1987-88.
- Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce—Report for 1987-88.
- Department of Transport and Communications—Report for 1987-88.
- Public Service Commissioner—Report for period 18 September 1987 to 30
 June 1988.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1988 Review.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering
 Corporation—Report for 1987-88.

States and Northern Territory Grants (Rural Adjustment) Act—Rural Adjustment Scheme—Report for 1987-88.
Student Assistance Act—Report for 1987.
Sugar Cane Growers Adjustment Scheme—Report for 1987-88.
Superannuation Act—
 Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for 1987-88.
 Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Report for 1987-88.
Taxation Statistics 1985-86.
War Graves Act—Office of Australian War Graves—Report for 1987-88.

H. A. JENKINS
Chairman

1 December 1988

Mr Jenkins, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

8 PUBLICATIONS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Publications:

Publications—Joint Committee—Review of the Auditor-General's efficiency audit report on the AGPS—

 Report, dated November 1988.

 Evidence received by the Committee.

 Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Jenkins made a statement in connection with the report.

9 ABORIGINES AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS: Mr Snowdon, pursuant to notice, moved—That, while mindful of the fact that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders had owned and occupied Australia for thousands of years prior to the first British settlement at Sydney Cove on 26 January 1788 and recognising that as a direct result of the occupation of Australia by non-Aboriginal people, Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders have been dispossessed of their land and have been denied many basic human, civil, political and economic rights, this House:

- (1) is committed to a process of reconciliation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia and to the recognition of their basic rights as articulated in the various United Nations covenants to which Australia is a signatory, including particularly the rights of self determination and self management; and
- (2) considers it appropriate that a treaty or compact is negotiated with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in recognition of their rights as the prior owners of this country and of their dispossession and denial of basic human, civil, political and economic rights.

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.

10 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: Mr MacKellar, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes that Australia is falling further behind the rest of the world in its support for research and development and has now returned to the same level of funding as 20 years ago; and
- (2) expresses its concern that unless the Government reverses its funding policies to science, and particularly to the CSIRO, Australia's long-term economic strategies will be jeopardised.

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.

- 11 **MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES:** Mr Hicks, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House notes with concern the Government's decision no longer to provide funding for surveillance and control of mosquito-borne diseases through the National Disease Control program.

Debate ensued.

Mr P. S. Fisher addressing the House—

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 P. S. Fisher was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

- 12 **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.

- 13 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

- 14 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Statement by Madam Speaker: Madam Speaker drew the attention of the House to standing order 307 which provides that a suspended Member shall be excluded from the Chamber and all galleries thereof. The Member for Bradfield (Mr Connolly), who was under suspension, thereupon withdrew from the Speaker's gallery.

Questions without notice continuing—

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved: Mr Shipton moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Higgins tabling a copy of the record of proceedings of a senior officers' meeting of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs which was chaired by the Secretary of that Department and held on 5 September 1988.

Closure of Member: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 79

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

NOES, 57

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Miles (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Beazley moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

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 motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negated.

Questions without notice continued.

- 15 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Shipton moved—That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Higgins moving forthwith—That this House censures the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs for misleading the House on 8 November 1988 when answering a question directed to him by the Member for Higgins concerning the provision of funding to the National Aboriginal and Islander Health Organisation.

Closure of Member: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kent	Mr Sawford
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Grace	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Snowdon
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Dr Charlesworth	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoveth	Mr Hawke	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
Mr Cleland	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr Uren
Mr Courtice	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr West
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Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	

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Mr Aldred	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew*	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Smith
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Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Peacock	Mr Taylor
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Pratt	Mr White
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Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Woods
Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Robinson	Dr Wooldridge

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Miles (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Beazley moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Smith
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Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Woods
Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Robinson	Dr Wooldridge

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Closure: Mr Beazley 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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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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Mr Aldred	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
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Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

16 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Administrator of the Northern Territory relating to Jila (Chilla Well) Warlpiri Land Claim (Report No. 26).

ACT Health Services—Independent review—Final report by Dr B. J. Kearney, dated 30 November 1988.

Acts Interpretation Act—

Statement relating to failure to furnish periodic report within specified period—Commonwealth Teaching Service Report for 1987.

Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of Aboriginal Development Commission—Report for 1987-88.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—12th Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.

Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—5th report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.

Australian Capital Territory—Joint Committee—Report on Metropolitan Canberra—Government response.

Australian Children's Television Foundation incorporating ACTF Productions Ltd—Report for 1987-88.

Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council—Report for 1987-88.

Australian National Railways Commission Act—Australian National Railways Commission (Australian National)—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.

Australian Shipping Commission Act—Australian Shipping Commission (Australian National Line)—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.

Broadcasting Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.

- Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Commonwealth Teaching Service—Report for 1987.
- Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report—Advice on Commonwealth general recurrent funding arrangements: The future of resource agreements, dated November 1988.
- Environment and Conservation—Standing Committee—Report on fiscal measures and the achievement of environmental objectives—Government response.
- Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for the period 1 April 1987 to 31 March 1988.
- Freedom of Information Act—Report by the Attorney-General on the operation of the Act, for 1987-88.
- International Labour Organisation—International Labour Conference—74th (Maritime) session, 1987—Australian delegation report.
- Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Report for 1987-88.
- Ministers' private interests—Return for 1988.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—31st Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.
- Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal and site plans for a child care centre adjacent to the provisional Parliament House.
- Public Service Act—
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Report, including the report on the operation of the *States Grants Aboriginal Assistance Act 1976* and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.
- Department of Employment, Education and Training—Report for period 24 July 1987 to 30 June 1988, including freedom of information statement and reports, pursuant to certain statutes of, the Commonwealth Employment Service and Committees, for the period 24 July 1987 to 30 June 1988; the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission, the Commonwealth Schools Commission and the Curriculum Development Council for the period 1 January to 30 June 1988.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for the period 1 April 1987 to 30 June 1988.
- Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.

17 ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION—DELAYED REPORT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of Aboriginal Development Commission—Report for 1987-88.

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

18 ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER—REPORT ON JILA (CHILLA WELL) WARLPIRI LAND CLAIM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Administrator of the Northern Territory relating to the Jila (Chilla Well) Warlpiri Land Claim (Report No. 26).

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

- 19 **FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for the period 1 April 1987 to 31 March 1988.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Blunt), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—PROPOSAL FOR CHILD CARE CENTRE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal and site plans for a child care centre adjacent to the provisional Parliament House.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 **PAPERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) presented the following papers:
 Petitions which are not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House on the following subjects:
 Pensioner entitlements (Mr Cunningham, approximately 6000 petitioners).
 Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield four wheel drive track (Mr Holding, 553 petitioners).
 Peace in Burma (Mr Beazley, 723 petitioners).
 Effect of growth investments on pensioners (Mr McArthur, 91 petitioners).
 East coast log hauliers association (Mr Kerr, 65 petitioners).
 Food irradiation (Mr Milton, 192 petitioners).
 Foreign ownership of land (Mr Kerr, 1875 petitioners).
 Recalling of the two dollar coin (Mr Kent, 113 petitioners).
 X-rated videos (Mr Kerr, 21 petitioners).
- 22 **PAPER:** The Deputy Speaker, for Madam Speaker, presented the following paper:
 Public Service Act—Joint House Department—Report for 1987-88.
- 23 **PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:
 War Crimes Amendment Bill 1988—Copy of an extract from the *Queanbeyan Age*, dated 28 November 1988.
- 24 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATE POLICY:**
 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 devastating impact of the Government's deliberate high interest rate policy".
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Sinclair addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 25 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 30 November 1988—Message No. 241—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1988-89.
- 26 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 27 **CRIMES (HOSTAGES) BILL 1988:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), for Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an

Act to give effect to the International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 28 **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE, EASTERN REGION HEADQUARTERS, GOULBURN STREET, SYDNEY—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Fitout works at 110 Goulburn Street, Sydney, for the eastern region headquarters of the Australian Federal Police.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 29 **COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, FRANKSTON AND OAKLEIGH, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed works which were referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of new Commonwealth offices at Frankston, Vic., and Oakleigh, Vic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 30 **TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Saunderson (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Role and functions of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—

Report, dated November 1988.

Index to submissions.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Saunderson, Mr Downer, Mr J. L. Scott, Mr N. A. Brown and Mr Gorman, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 31 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BILL 1988:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish and incorporate a university in the Australian Capital Territory to replace the Australian National University, the Canberra College of Advance Education and the Canberra Institute of the Arts, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Papers: Mr Dawkins presented the following papers:

Amalgamation of the ANU, CCAE and CITA—Report of steering committee.

Explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Interim Council for the new university in the ACT—Copy of a letter from Sir Geoffrey Yeend, Chairman, Interim Council for the new university in the ACT to Mr Dawkins, Minister for Employment, Education and Training, dated 28 November 1988.

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

- 32 **ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Milton (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Arts:
 Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Use of ionising radiation—
 Report, dated November 1988.
 Minutes of proceedings.
 Ordered—That the report be printed.
 Ms McHugh, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.
 Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 33 **INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE) 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 Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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 view that:
 (1) a thorough analysis of Australia’s contribution to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development is long overdue; and
 (2) in future, the Australian Government should take a more active role in the forums of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to explain this nation’s growing concerns with the bank’s management and direction, and to convey the message that a more efficient utilisation of the bank’s existing resources must eventuate before further contributions to its capital base will be provided”—
 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Brumby), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 34 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Brumby, by leave, presented the following paper:
 Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the United States of America, January 1988—Report—
 and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 35 **STATEMENTS:** Mr Jenkins and Dr H. R. Edwards, by leave, made statements in connection with the report of the Joint Committee on Publications review of the Auditor-General’s efficiency audit of the Australian Government Publishing Service presented earlier today.
- 36 **INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE) 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 Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (see entry No. 33)*—
 Debate resumed.
 Amendment negatived.
 Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 155, dated 19 October 1988, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 37 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Tickner (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—

292nd Report—Public Accounts Committee and sittings of the Senate.

293rd Report—Report of activities, 1987-88.

294th Report—Five efficiency audits on:

Army mapping.

Principal item stock control entitlements system.

Licensing and administration of customs agents.

Administration of meat inspection services.

Offshore petroleum royalties and excise.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Tickner, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

- 38 **INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—BANGKOK (1987) AND SOFIA (1988) CONFERENCES—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Uren, by leave, presented the following papers:

Inter-Parliamentary Union—Reports of the Australian Delegation—

78th Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 12-17 October 1987.

80th Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria, 19-24 September 1988.

Mr Uren and Mr Shipton, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

- 39 **STANDING COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP:** The House was informed of the nominations of Members to be members of the following standing committees:

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs:

Mr Burr had been nominated by the Opposition Whip in place of Mr Connolly.

Standing Committee on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure:

Mr Jull had been nominated by the Opposition Whip in place of Mr N. A. Brown.

- 40 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 41 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 28 February 1989, at 2 p.m., unless otherwise called together by Madam Speaker or, in the event of Madam Speaker being unavailable, by the Chairman of Committees.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.34 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 28 February 1989, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.



PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 December 1988:

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1988—

No. 66—Overseas Living Allowance and other allowances.

No. 67—Overseas Living Allowance.

No. 68—Complementary Allowances Payable to Member Serving on Duty Overseas.

No. 69—Disturbance Allowance.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Reports—
Equal Employment Opportunity programs—

Commonwealth Banking Corporation, dated September 1988.

Reserve Bank of Australia, dated 30 June 1988.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr D. M. Cameron*, Mr Cohen, Mr Connolly, Mrs Darling*, Mr Duffy, Mr Katter*, Mr Kerin, Mr Sciacca and Mr Tuckey.

*On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives