

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 117

MONDAY, 8 MAY 1989

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Audit Act—Australian Capital Territory Transport Trust Account—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.
 - Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Australian Capital Territory Gaming and Liquor Authority—Equal Employment Opportunity Program—1st report, for 1987-88.
- 4 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement on science and technology, and presented the following paper:
 - Science and technology—Ministerial statement, 8 May 1989.Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Dawkins—Minister for Employment, Education and Training), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 5 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning government policy for science and technology, and presented the following papers:
 - Health and medical research funding—Statement by Dr Blewett, Minister for Community Services and Health, dated May 1989.
 - Marine industries and marine science and technology capabilities—Review by committee chaired by Prof. K. McKinnon—Government response.
 - Research for Australia: higher education's contribution—Report circulated by Mr Dawkins, Minister for Employment, Education and Training, dated May 1989.
 - Research, innovation and competitiveness—Policies for reshaping Australia's primary industries and energy portfolio research and development—Statement by Mr Kerin, Minister for Primary Industries and Energy and Senator Cook, Minister for Resources, dated May 1989.
 - Science and Technology for Australia—
 - Ministerial statement, 8 May 1989.
 - Statement by Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, and Mr Jones, Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business, dated May 1989.Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement in connection with the matter.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Beazley, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr McGauran speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued on the question—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
 5 May 1989—Message No. 196—
 Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment 1989.
 Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1989.

- 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COASTAL SHIPPING AND WATERFRONT REFORMS:** The House was informed that Mr Blunt had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need for the Government to recognise the importance to the Australian economy of implementing effective and lasting reforms to coastal shipping and the waterfront”.

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

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CIRCUIT LAYOUTS BILL 1988:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 338

Mr Acting Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the protection of certain layouts for integrated circuits, and for related purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
 President

The Senate,

Canberra, 4 May 1989

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 340

Mr Acting Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the 'Copyright Act 1968', and for related purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
 President

The Senate,

Canberra, 4 May 1989

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 10 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ARTS, TERRITORIES AND ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Message No. 339, dated 5 May 1989, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to the arts, Territories and the environment, and for related purposes*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 **LOGISTICS AND TRAINING COMPLEX, BANDIANA, VIC.—STAGE 1 REDEVELOPMENT—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: Redevelopment of logistics and training complex, stage 1, Bandiana, Vic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 **RAAF BASE, WAGGA WAGGA, NSW—DEVELOPMENT—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: Development of RAAF Base, Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **NAVY LIVING-IN ACCOMMODATION—HMAS CERBERUS, CRIB POINT, VIC.—UPGRADE—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: Upgrade of Navy living-in accommodation at HMAS *Cerberus*, Crib Point, Vic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY, STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of Australian Defence Force Academy, stage 2.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON TENURE OF APPOINTEES TO COMMONWEALTH TRIBUNALS—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT—SENATE'S RESOLUTION:** The order of the day having been read for the consideration of message No. 333 from the Senate transmitting a resolution agreed to by the Senate relating

to an extension of time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Select Committee on Tenure of Appointees to Commonwealth Tribunals—

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations) moved—

- (1) That the House concurs in the resolution transmitted to the House in message No. 333 of the Senate relating to an extension of time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Select Committee on Tenure of Appointees to Commonwealth Tribunals; and
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution.

Question—put and passed.

16 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

1989: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Connolly who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) is of the opinion that the measure of relief it provides has been made more necessary as a result of the decline in living standards suffered by Australian families with children, and pension and benefit recipients, in common with all Australians; and
- (2) condemns the Hawke Government for presiding over 6 years of these declining living standards of Australian families”.

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

Family Allowance, Child Disability Allowance and Double Orphan's Pension—
Changes in method of payment—

Copy of letter from Mr Connolly to Mr Beazley, Acting Minister for Social Security, dated 1 February 1989.

Copy of letter from Mr Howe, Minister for Social Security, to Mr Connolly dated 22 March 1989.

Debate continued.

Mr D. M. Cameron addressing the House—

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

Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Mr D. M. Cameron continued his speech.

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

17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.53 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 May 1989:
Health Insurance Act—Statement of particulars of ministerial determination made pursuant to section 106AA relating to Dr A. A. Lyall, dated 13 April 1989.
Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing 1 May 1989 as the date on which the *Australian Sports Commission Act 1989* shall come into operation.

Public Service Act—

Determinations—1989—Nos. 40, 41, 47, 48, 51, 53, 57, 59.

Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determinations—1989—No. 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Child, Mr Cohen, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Gayler, Mr Keating, Mr Mountford and Mr Spender.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives