

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 125

TUESDAY, 30 MAY 1989

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Paper: Mr Reith, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Hawke (Prime Minister)—
 Mr Hawke laid upon the Table the following paper:
 Unauthorised release of taxpayer information—Copy of minute from Mr T. P. Boucher, Commissioner of Taxation, to Acting Treasurer, dated 30 May 1989.
 Questions without notice continued.
- 3 **BROADCAST OF COMMITTEE ROOM PROCEEDINGS—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker made a statement concerning the confidentiality of meetings in the committee rooms of Parliament House and the security of the sound reinforcement system in the rooms.
- 4 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
 National Health Act—Report on the operations of the registered health insurance organizations for 1987-88.
- 5 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 26 May 1989—Message—
 No. 374—Horticultural Legislation Amendment 1989.
 No. 375—Horticultural Levy Amendment 1989 (*without requests*).
 No. 376—Horticultural Export Charge Amendment 1989 (*without requests*).
 No. 377—Air Navigation Amendment 1989.
 No. 378—Northern Territory Grant (Electricity) 1989.
 29 May 1989—Message—
 No. 379—Appropriation (No. 3) 1988-89 (*without requests*).
 No. 380—Appropriation (No. 4) 1988-89.
 No. 381—Supply (Parliamentary Departments) 1989-90.
 No. 382—Supply (No. 1) 1989-90 (*without requests*).
 No. 383—Supply (No. 2) 1989-90.
- 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:
 30 May 1989—Message No. 216—
 Trade Practices (International Liner Cargo Shipping) Amendment 1989.
 Wheat Industry Fund Levy Collection 1989.
 Wheat Tax (Permit) Collection Amendment 1989.

Wheat (Termination of Permit Tax) 1989.

Wheat (Termination of Tax) (No. 1) 1989.

Wheat (Termination of Tax) (No. 2) 1989.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICIES:** The House was informed that Mr Tuckey had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The impact of the Government's failed economic policies on families and small business".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Tuckey addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 BUDGET SPEECH AND REPLY—TELEVISION COVERAGE:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That this House authorises:

- (1) the Speaker to make arrangements for the preliminary proceedings relating to the introduction of the *Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1989-90*, all or part of the second reading speech of the Treasurer, and all or part of the reply to that speech by the Leader of the Opposition to be televised;
- (2) the direct, live broadcast of all or part of those proceedings by any television station provided that a station broadcasts both speeches live and gives approximately equal time to both speeches; and
- (3) the use by any television station of any part of the televised proceedings in subsequent news, current affairs and documentary programs.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PERSONNEL WASTAGE IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs Kelly (Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 11 May 1989*), viz.:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Report—Personnel wastage in the Australian Defence Force—

Government response, dated 11 May 1989.

Ministerial statement, 11 May 1989—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Prosser moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 21, private Members' business, for the second reading of the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment Bill 1989* being called on forthwith.

Closure of Member: Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

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

NOES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Macphee	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Carrierson	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker*	Mr Pratt	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Woods
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Hawker (seconder) addressing the House—

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 57

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Closure: Mr Holding moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Baldwin	Mr Cunningham*	Mr Johns	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr Dubois	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price
Mr Bilney	Mr Duffy	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr Sawford
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Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Harvey	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Mr Cleeland	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Courtice	Mr Humphreys	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Ms Crawford	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wright
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Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Macphee	Mrs Sullivan
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
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Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson	
Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	

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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, Mrs Darling, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Beddall	Mr Dubois	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
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Mr Courtice	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wright
Ms Crawford	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mountford	
Mr Cross	Mr Johns	Mr O'Keefe	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

11 ARTS, TERRITORIES AND ENVIRONMENT 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

12 SEX DISCRIMINATION 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—

Paper: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a corrigendum to the explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate resumed by Mr N. A. Brown 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, this House:

- (1) notes that the Bill makes no provision in respect of the effective discrimination in so far as the provision of superannuation for part-time employees is concerned; and
- (2) noting the urgent need to overcome the inequities, inadequacies and effective discrimination in existing superannuation arrangements, calls on the Government to introduce Retirement Savings Accounts as proposed in the

Opposition's Retirement Incomes Policy which is designed to ensure that all employees have an opportunity for access to superannuation cover".

Debate continued.

Mr Connolly addressing the House—

13 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Hand (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.05 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 May 1989:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

105—Amendments, dated 3 (3), 5, 8, 11, 22 May 1989.

107—Amendment, dated 11 May 1989.

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—1989—No. 63—Temporary Rental Allowance.

Fisheries Act—Notice—No. NPF 6A—Revocation of Fisheries Notice No. NPF 6.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Determinations—

1989/3—Chairman, Commonwealth Grants Commission and holders of public office on other bodies.

1989/4—Chairman and Members, Defence Force Discipline Legislation Board of Review.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1989—No. 11 (Classification of Publications Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Griffiths, Mr Howe, Mr Keating, Mr Porter and Mr Punch.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives