

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 144

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 1989

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Jull moved—  
That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 1, private Members' business, given for Wednesday, 25 October 1989, relating to the air pilots' dispute being called on forthwith.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—  
Question—put.

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

## AYES, 51

Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Anderson	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Andrew	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker*	Mr Reith	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Robinson	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	Dr Woods
Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp	

## NOES, 71

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

**3 JUDICIAL AND STATUTORY OFFICERS REMUNERATION 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 252, dated 21 August 1989, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

*Amendment—*

Clause 5, page 3, at the end of subclause (1) add the following paragraph:  
“(j) by omitting from paragraph (8) (b) ‘\$2,371 per annum’ and substituting ‘\$2,627 per year’.”

*New clause—*

Page 4, after clause 8 insert the following new clause:

**Travelling allowance payable to members of the Inter-State Commission**

“8A. Section 6A of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from subparagraph (2) (a) (i) ‘\$105’ and substituting ‘\$115’;
- (b) by omitting from subparagraph (2) (a) (ii) ‘\$180’ and substituting ‘\$235’;
- (c) by omitting from subparagraph (2) (a) (iii) ‘\$115’ and substituting ‘\$125’;
- (d) by omitting from subparagraph (2) (b) (i) ‘\$105’ and substituting ‘\$115’;
- (e) by omitting from subparagraph (2) (b) (ii) ‘\$125’ and substituting ‘\$136’;
- (f) by omitting from subparagraph (2) (b) (iii) ‘\$95’ and substituting ‘\$105’.”

*Amendment—*

Clause 9, in Part 2 of the proposed Schedule, after the item relating to “Any other Judge of the Family Court of Australia” insert the following item:

“Judge (other than Chief Justice) of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory . . . . . 124,277”.

*New clause—*

Page 4, after clause 12 insert the following new clause:

**Inquiries and determinations by Tribunal**

“12A. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from subsection (5) ‘A determination’ and substituting ‘Subject to subsection (5A), a determination’; and
- (b) by inserting after subsection (5) the following subsections:
  - ‘(5A) A determination to which this subsection applies comes into operation according to subsections (5C) and (5D).
  - ‘(5B) Subsection (5A) applies to a determination that relates to the remuneration to be paid to a holder of:
    - (a) an office of Justice or Judge of a Federal Court or of the Supreme Court of a Territory; or

(b) the office of a person who, under an Act, has the same status as a Justice or Judge of a court referred to in paragraph (a).

'(5C) So far as it relates to a holder of an office referred to in subsection (5B), a determination to which subsection (5A) applies takes effect on the latest of the following:

- (a) the date specified by the Tribunal in the determination;
- (b) the day after the fifteenth sitting day of the House of Representatives after a copy of the determination is laid before that House;
- (c) the day after the fifteenth sitting day of the Senate after a copy of the determination is laid before the Senate.

'(5D) Except to the extent that subsection (5C) applies, a determination to which subsection (5A) applies takes effect according to subsection (5).

'(5E) Where, under subsection (5C), a determination, so far as it relates to a particular office, comes into operation after the date specified in the determination, a person who held the office at any time during the period of deferral is entitled to receive the difference between:

- (a) the remuneration that would have been payable to him or her in respect of that period if the determination had come into operation according to subsection (5); and
- (b) the remuneration that was payable to him or her in respect of that period.

'(5F) For the purposes of subsection (5E), the period of deferral is the period commencing on the day specified in the determination and ending on the day on which the determination comes into operation in relation to the holder of the particular office.' "

*Amendment—*

Clause 13, page 5, line 5, omit "reduce", substitute "alter".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Cowan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**4 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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 Rocher 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 notes that the Government's record high tax burden has inflicted considerable pain on Australians, who face little incentive to work, to invest and to save".

Debate continued.

Dr Charlesworth addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**5 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

**6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED:** Dr Hewson moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Wentworth moving forthwith—That this House calls on the Treasurer, in view of the announcement today of another near

record current account deficit and a further downgrading of Australia's credit standing by Standard & Poors, to give a detailed and complete account of:

- (1) the revised Budget forecast for the current account deficit;
- (2) how Australia can continue to run a current account deficit of 5 to 6 per cent of GDP each year;
- (3) how Australia can sustain a continued increase in our net external debt and service burden both as a percentage of GDP and exports;
- (4) how debt will be stabilised by the mid-1990s even on optimistic assumptions;
- (5) what proportion of the increase in the cumulative current account deficit over the last 12 months can be genuinely accounted for by imports of machinery and equipment and what proportion of those capital imports will actually flow into the traded goods sector to generate additional exports or reduced imports;
- (6) what would happen to the current account, external debt, interest rates and our exchange rate if:
  - (a) the terms of trade falls by 5 per cent;
  - (b) the economic growth in OECD countries falls by 1 to 2 per cent from current forecasts; and
  - (c) there is a secondary correction in world stock markets due to further pressure on world debt markets;
- (7) the reasons why the move of the public sector into surplus has not had a corresponding impact on the current account deficit as he claimed it would under his "twin deficits" policy;
- (8) the reason why the "J curve" model was abandoned;
- (9) why unit labour costs in Australia are growing roughly twice as fast as other OECD countries and the impact that will have on exports and imports;
- (10) the extent of the cost disadvantages suffered by Australian exporters due to inefficiencies on the waterfront, in coastal shipping, transport and communications industries;
- (11) whether he will accept the judgment and warning of Standard & Poors rating agency, his preferred agency, having ignored the assessment and warnings of Moody's; and
- (12) precisely which policies he intends to pursue to get exports to grow by 3 to 4 per cent faster than imports for the next several years which according to EPAC, is the minimum required to stabilise our foreign debt to GDP ratio.

*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, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 74

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

## NOES, 51

Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker*	Mr Reith	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Robinson	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	Dr Woods
Mr Colb	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr N. A. Brown (seconder) addressing the House—

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

Question.—put.

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

## AYES, 74

Mr Baldwin	Mr Cross	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Beldall	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Biley	Mr Dubois	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Bowen	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lamb*	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Brumby	Mr Gayler	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Grace	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
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Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Harvey	Mr Milton	Mr West
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Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
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Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	Dr Woods
Mr Ccbb	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack	

\* Tellers

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 Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Cross	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr Dubois	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Bowen	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
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Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Brumby	Mr Gayler	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanus
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Grace	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mrs Child	Mr Hand	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Harvey	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Cleland	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wright
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Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
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Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	Dr Woods
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack	

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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 Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53

Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr Millar	Mr Taylor
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr Burr	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Mr White
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker*	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
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Mr Blanchard	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Dr Blevett	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Bowen	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lamb*	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Brunby	Mr Gayler	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
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Mr Courtice	Mr Howe	Mr Mountford	
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And so it was negatived.

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report on the development and implementation of program, for 1988-89.

Rural Industries Research Act—Dairy Research Council—4th Report, for 1988-89.

8 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INFLATION RATE AND CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT: The House was informed that Dr Hewson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to reduce our inflation rate and to arrest the blow-out in our current account deficit".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Hewson rising to address the House—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 74

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Mr Beazley	Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
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Dr Blevett	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
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Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
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Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Cobb	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack	
Mr Connolly	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 9 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 10 **GRAPE RESEARCH LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Grape Research Levy Act 1986*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 **WINE GRAPES LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Grapes Levy Act 1979*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980*, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1989:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1987*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr R. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr R. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1989:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.  
Bill read a first time.



Mr R. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Mr R. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

15 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BANKING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 453

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to banking*", 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, 24 October 1989

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

17 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Rocher, 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 notes that the Government's record high tax burden has inflicted considerable pain on Australians, who face little incentive to work, to invest and to save"—*

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.

18 **INCOME TAX AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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—

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.

19 **MEDICARE LEVY 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 Shack 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) expresses its concern that, despite its increasing cost, Medicare is delivering a lower level of health care, particularly to the poor and needy;
- (2) condemns changes to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme which will rob the community of high quality pharmaceutical services; and

(3) calls upon the Government to ensure that all Australians receive the high quality, affordable health care to which they are entitled”.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.

20 **GOAT FIBRE LEVY 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.

21 **GOAT FIBRE LEVY COLLECTION 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—

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.

22 **INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

23 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**: Ordered—That order of the day No. 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

24 **STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) 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.

Mr Cowan addressing the House—

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

*Privilege—Statement by Mr Speaker*: Mr Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised yesterday by Dr Wooldridge concerning actions of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in connection with the 1989-90 National Health Survey. Mr Speaker said that while it could be argued that there was a tendency to mislead the House because the impression may be gained from the statement of the ABS that there would not only be two separate surveys but that there would be no overlap between them, the documentation available to him led him to the view that this was not the conclusion the reader should draw. In the circumstances, he was unable to find that a *prima facie* case of contempt or breach of privilege had been made out.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Carlton, Mrs Darling, Mr Duffy, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hawke, Mr Johns, Mr Katter, Dr Klugman\*, Mr Mildren, Mr Porter, Mr Pratt, Mr Sawford and Mr Sciacca.

\*On leave

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