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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 147

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 1989

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: 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 for the Minister for Social Security to detail expenditure cuts proposed by the Government which will be necessary to pay for all the new \$5.8 billion tax cut and family assistance package announced by him in the interview published in today's edition of the Sydney Morning Herald.

Question--put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

4 GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION TAXATION PROPOSALS: Dr Hewson moved—
That this House calls for the Minister for Social Security to detail expenditure cuts proposed by the Government which will be necessary to pay for all the new \$5.8 billion tax cut and family assistance package announced by him in the interview published in today's edition of the Sydney Morning Herald.

Debate ensued.

Mr Keating (Treasurer) moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

- "(1) this House notes the widespread criticism of the proposal of the Leader of the Opposition to abolish the capital gains tax, and, in particular, the disastrous consequences for the economic health of the nation of the proposal;
- "(2) consequently, this House believes the Leader of the Opposition must provide the public with a detailed account of—
 - (a) what prompted the Opposition to backdate its proposed concessionary speculative gains tax to 19 September 1985;
 - (b) the basis on which the Opposition has calculated that the revenue cost of their proposal would be \$450 million a year, and the extent to which this costing includes an allowance for the realisation of windfall tax-free capital gains derived from the backdating of the Coalition's proposal;
 - (c) the extent to which the Opposition's costing makes allowance for increased tax avoidance, the potential for which was described by business commentator Mr Terry McCrann in the Melbourne Sunday Herald on 29 October 1989 as follows:

'Mr Peacock proposes to turn back the clock and once again unleash the assembled might of the legal, accounting and financial professions in the drive to turn otherwise taxable income into tax-free capital gains of five year's standing. 'That is unacceptable—not only on equity grounds, but in terms of promoting the very changes necessary to make Australia more competitive and more efficient.

'We don't want our best brains and available resources devoted to shuffling bits of paper for tax and financial reasons. Better they be directed to investing in and building real businesses.';

(d) the extent to which the President of the Liberal Party and Chairman of Elders IXL, Mr John Elliott, benefits from the Opposition's proposed changes to the capital gains tax;

(e) the extent to which the Liberal Party candidate for Barker and Director of Elders IXL, Mr Ian McLachlan, benefits from the Opposition's

proposed changes to the capital gains tax;

(f) the discussions that took place between Mr Elliott and the Leader of the Opposition prior to the latter's challenge for the leadership of the Liberal Party and what discussion there was of the Opposition's proposed changes to the capital gains tax;

(g) the discussions, correspondence or other communications which have taken place between the shadow Treasurer or his office and Mr Elliott or his advisers on the structure of the Opposition's capital gains tax

proposal;

(h) what prompted the Leader of the Opposition to tell the Metal Trades Industry Association on 23 October 1989 that 'countless millions' of taxpayers pay capital gains tax, when statistics of the Australian Taxation Office show that less than one per cent of individual taxpayers paid capital gains tax in respect of the 1987-88 income year;

(i) what prompted the Leader of the Opposition to claim that his is a proposal to help small business when more than two-thirds of the capital gains tax payable by companies is paid by the largest 1.5 per

cent of Australian companies:

(j) whether it is Opposition policy, as stated by the Leader of the National Party of Australia in his address to the Australian Petroleum Exploration Association last week, that exploration 'farm-out' agreements will be exempt from the Opposition's so-called speculative gains tax and why this exemption was not included in the Opposition's so-called Economic Action Plan; and

(k) what other exemptions from its speculative gains tax proposal the Opposition has agreed to but not detailed in its Economic Action Plan

and the revenue cost of these exemptions".

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—
AYES, 70

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

NOES, 56

Mr Adermann	Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldrec	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Anderson	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Andre »	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Braith waite	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Millar	Mrs Šullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Pratt	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker*	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Robinson	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Ruddock
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Mr Bedda l	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Sciacca
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb*	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Bowen	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Brumty	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Mr Martin	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mrs Harvey	Mr Mildren	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr Milton	Mr Tickner
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Uren
Mr Courtice	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Ms Crawford	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil	Mr Wright
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	•
Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr Punch	

^{*} Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put—
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—
AYES. 70

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Saunderson
Mr Beazley	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Sciacca
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Mr Anderson	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
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Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker*	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Robinson	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)-

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Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australian Capital Territory—Corporate Affairs Commission—Report for 1988-89.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Army and Air Force Canteens Service—Report on implementation, 1989.

Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.

National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council—Report, including a report on the operations of the Coal Research Assistance Act, for 1988-89.

National Health and Medical Research Council—Report—107th session, Sydney, May-June 1989.

Public Service Act-

Attorney-General's Department—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.

Department of Finance—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.

Services Trust Funds Act—Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988.

6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS: Mr Blunt (Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to Mr Katter, on the ground of ill health, and to Mr P. S. Fisher, on the ground of parliamentary business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

7 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INFLATION AND INTEREST RATES: 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 Hawke/Keating Government's failure to reduce inflation and interest rates".

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-pu: and passed.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON TENURE OF APPOINTEES TO COMMONWEALTH TRIBUNALS: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 468

Mr Speaker,

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day:

That the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Select Committee on Tenure of Appointees to Commonwealth Tribunals be extended to the last sitting day in November 1989.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

KERRY SIBRAA President

The Senate.

Canberra, 30 October 1989

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved-

- (1) That the House concurs in the resolution transmitted to the House in message No. 468 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.
- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: Message No. 469, dated 30 October 1989, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator MacGibbon had been discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House, and that Senator Vanstone had been appointed a member of the committee.
- 10 SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That sessional order 48A (adjournment of House) and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for all sittings up to and including Thursday, 23 November 1989. Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

11 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 1989: Mr Hand (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hand moved-That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

12 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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—And on the amendment moved thereto by Dr Hewson, 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 deplores the Government's economic irresponsibility in increasing sales tax revenue by 200 per cent in an ad hoc and distortionary fashion since it came to power"—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

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 Assisting the Treasurer), the following amendment was made: Clause 3, page 3, line 17, omit "more manufacturers", substitute "more other persons".

Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Andrew 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.

13 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) (COMPUTER PROGRAMS)
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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

14 SALES TAX LAWS (COMPUTER PROGRAMS) 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—

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

The House resclved 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 Assisting the Treasurer), the following amendment was made: Clause 4, page 2, line 26, before "another person" insert "the person or".

Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Andrew 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.

15 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3)
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.

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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the following amendment was made, after debate:

Schedule, Part 1, page 18, proposed amendments of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985, add at the end:

"Subsection 37 (2):

Omit the subsection, insert the following subsections:

'(2) The Executive Director is to be appointed on such terms and conditions, including remuneration and allowances, as are determined, in writing, by the Corporation and approved, in writing, by the Minister.

'(2A) Subject to subsection (9), the Corporation may, at any time, terminate the appointment of the Executive Director.'.

Subsection 37 (9):

Omit '(2)', substitute '(2A)'.

Subsection 40 (1):

Omit '(2)', substitute '(2A)'.

Subsection 41 (3):

Omit ', with the approval of the Public Service Board,'.

After subsection 41 (3):

Insert the following subsection:

- '(3A) A person must not be appointed or engaged under subsection (1) on terms and conditions as to remuneration that:
 - (a) in the case of a person appointed or engaged on a full-time basis are more favourable than on the terms and conditions as to remuneration on which the Executive Director has been appointed; or
 - (b) in the case of a person appointed or engaged on a part-time basis—are more favourable, when considered on a pro rata basis, than the terms and conditions as to remuneration on which the Executive Director has been appointed.'.

Paragraph 48 (1) (b):

Omit the paragraph.".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr R. F. Edwards reported accordingly.

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

16 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

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 Assisting the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

17 OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE 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 Assisting the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 12.11 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 31 October 1989:
Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1989—No. 19—Statistics of Poultry Slaughtering Establishments.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Charles, Mrs Child, Mr Cohen, Mr Cross, Mrs Darling, Mr P. S. Fisher*, Mr Katter*, Dr Klugman*, Mr Langmore, Mr Macphee, Mr Mountford, Mr Porter, Mr Prosser and Mr White.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives