

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 154

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 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 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
 - Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Australian Bicentennial Authority—9th Report, for 1988-89—
 - Volume 1, including financial statements, the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement.
 - Volume 2.
 - Australian Trade Commission Act—Australian Trade Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
 - Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1988-89.
 - Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—
 - Advice on career structures for researchers: Career progression for outstanding Australian researchers—Report, dated November 1989.
 - Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
 - Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—
 - Film Australia Pty Limited—Report on development and implementation, for 1988-89.
 - Telecom Australia—Report for 1988-89 on progress of the Affirmative Action Program.
 - International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on the operations of the Act, for 1988-89.
 - Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report on consultants engaged under section 4, for 1988-89.
 - Migrant skills: Improving recognition processes—Report circulated by Mr Dawkins, Minister for Employment, Education and Training, November 1989.
 - National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
 - Political exchange program—Australian Political Exchange Committee—Report for 1988-89.

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Report on the working of the Act, including the Auditor-General's Report on the National Cultural Heritage Fund, for 1988-89.

Public Service Act—

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

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

Structural review of higher ADF staff arrangements—Report, dated June 1989.

Superannuation Act—

Commissioner for Superannuation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement and report on the administration of the Australian Government Retirement Benefits Office pursuant to the Public Service Act, for 1988-89.

Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.

4 POLITICAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Political exchange program—Australian Political Exchange Committee—Report for 1988-89.

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

5 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES—GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIAL WITNESSES—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Parliamentary committees—Government guidelines for official witnesses before parliamentary committees and related matters, dated November 1989—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper.

Mr N. A. Brown and Mr Spender, by leave, also made statements in connection with the matter.

6 TRADE DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, TOKYO AND CHIANG MAI—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Duffy (Minister for Trade Negotiations), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning his recent visits to the United States of America, Japan and Thailand to discuss progress in the GATT Uruguay round of trade negotiations and to advance bilateral trade issues.

Mr Blunt (Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: The House was informed that Mr Reith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The importance of maintaining common law remedies to guard against unjustified industrial action particularly in view of the Government's contradictory and confusing approach to industrial relations".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Reith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
27 November 1989—Message—
No. 273—
Aboriginal Development Commission Amendment 1989.
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies 1989.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission 1989.
No. 274—Australian Federal Police Amendment 1989.
- 9 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed fitout works at Box Hill and Moonee Ponds, Vic., Adelaide and Perth for Australian Taxation Office (23rd report of 1989).
Report relating to the development of additional domestic apron at Sydney Airport. (24th report of 1989).
Severally ordered to be printed.
Mr Hollis and Mr Spender, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.
- 10 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Griffiths (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:
Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Fair shares for all:
Insider trading in Australia—
Report, dated October 1989.
Evidence received by the committee.
Minutes of proceedings.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
Mr Griffiths, Mr Smith, Mr Spender and Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
- 11 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Snowdon (Chairman) presented the following reports and related papers:
Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—
Aboriginal people and mainstream local government: An issues paper.
Review of Auditor-General's report on Aboriginal Student Assistance Schemes—
Report, dated November 1989.
Evidence received by the committee.
Minutes of proceedings.
Ordered—That the reports be printed.
Mr Snowdon, Mr Miles, Mr Blanchard, Mr Webster, Mr Smith and Mr I. M. D. Cameron, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.
- 12 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT CENTRE, TOWNSVILLE—STAGE 2 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: Stage 2 development of Commonwealth Government Centre, Townsville.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY—HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AT RANDWICK, HOLSWORTHY AND EAST HILLS, 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: Defence Housing Authority housing developments at Randwick, Holsworthy and East Hills, Sydney.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REFORM OF THE AUSTRALIAN AUDIT OFFICE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 2 November 1989*), viz.:
Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 296—The Auditor-General: Ally of the people and Parliament—Reform of the Australian Audit Office—Government response.

Ministerial statement by Senator Walsh, Minister for Finance—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 **CRIMES (TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES) 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 Bowen (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 **EXCISE TARIFF 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1989:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Papers: Mr Bowen presented the following papers:

Australian Federal Police Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1989—

Explanatory memorandum.

Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Debate ensued.

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 Bowen, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Amendment—

Clause 2, page 1, line 8, after “1 and 2” insert “and Part 2A”.

New Part—

Page 25, after clause 60 insert the following new Part:

**“PART 2A—AMENDMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN PROTECTIVE SERVICE
ACT 1987**

Principal Act

“60A. In this Part, ‘Principal Act’ means the *Australian Protective Service Act 1987*.

Powers of arrest

“60B. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subparagraph (2) (a) (ii) and substituting the following subparagraph:

‘(ii) the *Crimes (Aircraft) Act 1963*, the *Crimes (Hijacking of Aircraft) Act 1972*, the *Crimes (Internationally Protected Persons) Act 1976* or the *Crimes (Protection of Aircraft) Act 1973*;’.”

Amendment—

Page 1, title, after “Police” add “and the *Australian Protective Service Act 1987*”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments, and with an amended title.

The House resumed; Mr Mildren reported accordingly.

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

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.58 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 November 1989:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1989—

No. 22—Wool Brokers and Dealers Sales, Receipts and Stocks Collection.

No. 23—Survey of Foreign Investment.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Duncan, Mr P. S. Fisher*, Mr Jones, Mr Jull, Mr Kerr, Dr Klugman*, Mr Moore, Mr Taylor, Mr Tuckey and Mr White.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives