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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 6

WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY 1990

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH: Mr N. A. Brown raised, as a matter of privilege, the disclosure to the *Sydney Morning Herald* of a letter written by him to Senator Bolkus (Minister for Administrative Services) and of the Minister's reply concerning one of his parliamentary entitlements on the basis that the disclosure was intended to denigrate him and inhibit him in the proper exercise of his parliamentary duties.
 - Mr N. A. Brown produced a copy of an article published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 15 May 1990 referring to the correspondence.
 - Mr Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and report to the House later today.
- 3 SUPERANNUATION BILL 1990: 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 Braithwaite 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) deplores the determination of the Government to support a mandatory second 3% employer contribution unrelated to productivity or capacity to pay;
 - (2) condemns the Government for its capitulation to ACTU demands for deferred wage increases in the guise of superannuation payments and its refusal to link preservation to pension age; and
 - (3) criticises the Government's double standards in preferring pensions in the private sector and lump sums in the public sector".

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 11 a.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages had expired—

Amendment negatived.

- Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
- Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 11, dated 9 May 1990, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
- Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

4 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990: 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 12, dated 9 May 1990, 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.

Mr Braithwaite, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 24—

Page 24, lines 25 and 26, omit proposed subparagraph (1A) (a) (iv).

Page 24, line 31, omit proposed subparagraph (1A) (b) (ii).

Page 25, after proposed subsection (1D) insert the following subsections:

"'(1E) Nothing in the functions of the Trust shall be taken to provide the Trust with the authority to deal with funds other than the funds of a Commonwealth, State or Territory body.

'(1F) In this section "any funds" means any funds of a Commonwealth, State or Territory body.".

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr MacKellar reported accordingly.

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

5 SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS (SUPERVISORY MECHANISMS) BILL 1990: 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 resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Willis (Minister for Finance), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 9, page 11, lines 32 and 33, omit subclause (1), substitute the following subclause:

"(1) Part XA of the Superannuation Act 1976 is repealed.".

Schedule, page 16, omit the Schedule.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr MacKellar reported accordingly.

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

6 OCCUPATIONAL SUPERANNUATION (REASONABLE BENEFIT LIMITS)
AMENDMENT BILL 1990: 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 Willis (Minister for Finance), the Bill was read a third time.

7 COMMONWEALTH LEGAL AID AMENDMENT BILL 1990: 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 Duffy (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

8 FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport) 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 Jull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

9 CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport) 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 Jull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990: 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.

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.

- 11 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 12 PAPER: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

House of Representatives—Schedule showing the allocation of departments or authorities to the various general purpose standing committees and the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

13 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statements for December 1989 and January, February, March and April 1990

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during December 1989 and January, February, March and April 1990.

Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—133rd meeting, Hobart, 8 February 1990.

Commonwealth Legal Aid Act—

National Legal Aid Advisory Committee—Report for 1988-89.

National Legal Aid Representative Council—Report for 1988-89.

Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 1988-89.

Criminology Research Act-

Australian Institute of Criminology—17th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.

Criminology Research Council—17th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—

Report—Country areas program, dated May 1990.

Reports by the-

Australian Research and Higher Education Councils, including the Board's comments—Transfer of operating grant funds to competitive schemes after 1991, dated May 1990.

Employment and Skills Formation Council, including the Board's comments, dated May 1990—

Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) Advisory Committee arrangements at State/Local level.

Overseas mission on management training, education and development.

Towards an active labour market policy.

Higher Education Council, including the Board's comments, dated May 1990—

3rd Report—Operation of section 14 of the *Higher Education* Funding Act 1988 and the higher education contribution scheme.

Funding principles, 1990-92 Triennium: Allocation of funds to higher education institutions.

Schools Council, including the Board's comments—Response to discussion paper: Commonwealth funding arrangements for government and non-government schools after 1992, dated May 1990.

Public Service Act—Department of Primary Industries and Energy—Report and financial statements, including freedom of information statement, for 1988-89—Corrigendum (Auditor-General's Report).

States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Act 1983—Statement of financial assistance granted in 1986 and 1987.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REFORM: The House was informed that Mr Sharp had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to implement reform of Australia's transport infrastructure, leading to a weaker economy, lost jobs and lower incomes".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sharp addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Taylor presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the redevelopment of the Army Aviation Centre at Oakey, Old (1st report of 1990).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Taylor, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

16 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

> Report relating to the housing developments by the Defence Housing Authority at Laverton and MacLeod, Vic. and Bullsbrook, WA (2nd report of 1990).

> Report relating to the Stage 1 redevelopment, Puckapunyal, Vic. (3rd report of 1990).

> Report relating to the Oakleigh multi-user Army Reserve Depot, Vic. (4th report of 1990).

> Report relating to the construction of Commonwealth Law Courts, Brisbane (5th report of 1990).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

- 17 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR 17 MAY 1990: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business tomorrow, being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:
 - 1. Presentation of petitions.
 - 2. Notice No. 1, private Members' business.
 - 3. Order of the day No. 1, government business—Governor-General's opening speech—Resumption of debate on the proposed Address in Reply.
 - 4. Grievance debate (at 12.30 p.m.).
 - 5. Members' statements (at approximately 1.45 p.m.).
 - 6. Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.).
 - 7. Presentation of papers.
 - 8. Ministerial statements, by leave.
 - 9. Matter of public importance.
 - 10. Notices and orders of the day, government business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

18 MIGRATION REGULATIONS—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr

Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a joint committee, to be known as the Joint Standing Committee on Migration Regulations, be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) regulations made or proposed to be made under the Migration Act 1958:
 - (b) all proposed changes to the Migration Act 1958 and any related Acts; and
 - (c) such other matters relating to the Migration Act 1958, regulations or reports as may be referred to it by the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

28 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990: Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) presented a Bill for an Act to repeal and amend various Acts relating to matters dealt with by the Department of Administrative Services, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Baldwin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

29 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990: Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to defence, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bilney moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

30 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 1990: Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Higher Education Funding Act 1988.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Baldwin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

31 DRIED FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1990: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dried Fruits Levy Act 1971*.

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 Carlton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

32 FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990: 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 Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

33 CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990: 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 Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

34 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1990: 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.

Privilege—Statement by Mr Speaker: Mr Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised earlier this day by Mr N. A. Brown (see entry No. 2). Mr Speaker stated that his consideration of the information before him had led him to the conclusion that a prima facie case of breach of privilege or contempt, such as would cause him to accord precedence to a motion in respect of the matter, had not been made out. Mr Speaker said that the unauthorised disclosure of correspondence between Members and Ministers about entitlements was to be deprecated in principle, quite apart from the particular circumstances of any case. He hoped that these remarks would be noted in all departments and offices concerned with these matters.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 8.45 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages had expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

35 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1990: 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 resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Rocher, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 23, page 15, lines 26-45, and page 16, lines 1-10, omit proposed subsection 160ZP (13), substitute the following subsection:

" '(13) Where:

- (a) at any time a loss company ceases to be a group company in relation to the transferor;
- (b) an amount or amounts have been or will be specified by the loss company in a notice or notices under paragraph (7) (c) in respect of the year of income in which the loss company ceased to be a group company in relation to the transferor or any of the 3 preceding years of income; and
- (c) at the time the loss company ceased to be a group company in relation to the transferor one or more group companies disposed, either wholly or in part, of shares or securities in the loss company;

for the purpose of this Part, the consideration for the disposal of shares or securities (whether wholly or in part) in the loss company by any group company shall be increased by the proportion of the amount or amounts calculated by deducting from the amount or amounts specified in the notice or notices referred to in subparagraph (b) any consideration paid for the transfer of the loss if any, as bears to the proportion of the group company's interest in the total of all shares

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Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Riggall
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Atkinson	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mrs Bailey	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Bradford	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Filing	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Broadbent	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Burr	Mr Ford	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Charles	Mr Halverson	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 13, dated 9 May 1990, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

39 TRAINING GUARANTEE BILL 1990: 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—

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

40 AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1990: 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.

Limitation of debate: At 11.10 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages had expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

41 EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 1990: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Crean presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill. Debate ensued.

The debate having been closed by Mr Crean having spoken in reply-

Mr Downer, by leave, addressed the House.

Mr Crean, by leave, again addressed the House.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Crean, the Bill was read a third time.

42 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY ENTITLEMENTS BILL 1990: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 5

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "An Act relating to the provision of benefits to Members of each House of the Parliament", 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, 16 May 1990

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

- 43 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 16 May 1990, were reported—
 - (a) concurring in the resolutions of the House relating to the appointment of joint committees on the Australian Capital Territory, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, and Electoral Matters, and relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority—Message No. 6; and
 - (b) acquainting the House of the appointment of Senators to the following committees:

Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory—

Senators Aulich, Bell, Devlin, Parer and Reid.

Joint Committee on Electoral Matters—

Senators Beahan, Faulkner, Harradine, Jenkins and Short.

Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—

Senators Beahan, Chapman, Childs, Crichton-Browne, Jones, MacGibbon, Maguire, McLean, Tambling, Schacht and Vallentine.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority—

Senators Crichton-Browne, Jones, Macklin, Reynolds and Vanstone—Message No. 7.

- 44 HOUSE COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, ex officio, Mr Hollis, Mr Lloyd, Mr MacKellar, Mr Martin, Mr Price and Mrs Sullivan be members of the House Committee.

 Question—put and passed.
- 45 LIBRARY COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, ex officio, Mrs Bailey, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jones, Mr Hollis, Mr Ronaldson and Mr Truss be members of the Library Committee.

 Ouestion—put and passed.
- 46 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, moved—That Mr Connolly, Mr Cowan, Mr Dubois, Mr Lindsay, Mr J. L. Scott, Mr O'Neil and Mr Ruddock be members of the Committee of Members' Interests.

 Question—put and passed.
- 47 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, moved—That Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Costello, Mrs Crosio, Mr Dobie, Mr Gear, Mr Johns, Mr McGauran, Mr Snow and Mr Snowdon be members of the Committee of Privileges.

 Ouestion—put and passed.

- 48 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, moved—That Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Filing, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Gear, Mr Gibson and Mr Gorman be members of the Publications Committee.

 Question—put and passed.
- 49 PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, moved—That Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Grace, Mr Hollis, Mr Rocher, Mr Scholes, Mr Shack, Mr Truss and Mr Walker be members of the Procedure Committee.

 Question—put and passed.
- 50 AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979, Mr Duncan, Mr Langmore, Mr McGauran and Mr Wright be appointed members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization. Question—put and passed.
- 51 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—JOINT COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the National Crime Authority Act 1984, Mr Filing, Mr Lindsay, Mr McGauran, Mr Melham and Mr O'Keefe be appointed members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority.

 Question—put and passed.
- 52 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*, Mr Aldred, Mrs Crosio, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Kerr, Mr Nehl, Mr Punch, Mr Scholes, Mr L. J. Scott, Mr Shack and Mr Somlyay be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts.

 Question—put and passed.
- 53 STANDING COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP: The House was informed that Mr Speaker had received notifications from the Whips nominating Members to be members of the following standing committees:

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs:

Mr Kerr, Mr Gibson, Mr Lavarch, Mr L. J. Scott, Mr Sawford and Mr Snowdon had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mr Nugent, Mr Riggall and Dr Wooldridge had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Anderson had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

Standing Committee on Community Affairs:

Dr Catley, Mrs Crosio, Mr Elliott, Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Johns, Mr Jenkins and Mr Walker had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mrs Bailey, Mrs Gallus, Mr Goodluck and Mr Wilson had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Cowan had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training:

Mr Bevis, Ms Crawford, Mr Gibson, Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Jones, Mr Price and Mr Sawford had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mr Atkinson, Mr Bradford and Mr Charles had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Anderson and Mr B. C. Scott had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Arts:

Mrs Darling, Mr Dubois, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Gear, Mr Jenkins, Ms McHugh and Mr Newell had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mr Dobie, Mrs Gallus and Mr Webster had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr P. S. Fisher and Mr Truss had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration:

Dr Charlesworth, Mr Courtice, Mr Dubois, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Elliott, Mr Gear and Mr Martin had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mr Andrew, Mr Beale, Mr Hall and Mr Wilson had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Braithwaite had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology:

Mr Campbell, Mr Ferguson, Mr Gibson, Mr Grace, Mr Jones, Mr Lee and Mr L. J. Scott had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mr Ford, Mr McArthur, Mr Nugent and Mr Reid had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Cobb had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs:

Dr Charlesworth, Mr Kerr, Mr Lavarch, Mr Martin, Mr Melham, Mr Scholes and Mr Wright had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Cadman, Mr Costello and Mr Smith had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Sinclair had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

Standing Committee on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure:

Mr Campbell, Mr Elliott, Mr Hollis, Mr Lee, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr J. L. Scott and Mr H. F. Woods had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mr Cadman, Mr Cameron and Mr Hawker had been nominated by the Opposition Whip; Mr Anderson had been nominated by the National Party Whip and Mr Mack had nominated himself.

Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Mr Elliott, Mr Langmore and Mr Scholes had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mr Moore had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Sharp had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters:

Mr Brereton, Dr Catley and Mr Melham had been nominated by the Government Whip; Mr Miles had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Cobb had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

54 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Ouestion—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.56 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 May 1990:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics— Proposals for the collection of information—1990—

No. 14—Economic activity survey.

No. 15—Survey of business registrations.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1990—

No. 67—Household Maintenance and Assistance Allowance.

No. 69—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Kiribati and other allowances.

No. 77—Outfit Allowance.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Wilson.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives