

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

THURSDAY, 31 MAY 1990

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., according to the terms of the resolution of 17 May last. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Beazley, Mr Dobie, Mr R. F. Edwards and Mr Mack, from 23, 17, 204 and 48 petitioners, respectively, praying that policies be implemented to increase Australian aid, fight poverty, protect the environment and promote human rights.
 - Mr Braithwaite, Mr Jull and Mr Truss, from 127, 252 and 7 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Therapeutic Goods Regulations be rejected and a public inquiry held into the registration of the natural healing profession and regulation of natural therapeutic goods.
 - Mr Chaney and Mr Dawkins, from 13 and 12 petitioners, respectively, praying that an International Earth Repair Action Decade begin on 5 June 1990.
 - Dr Catley, from 16 petitioners, praying that goods and services used in the provision of education programs at Neighbourhood Houses and Community Learning Centres be exempted from sales tax.
 - Mr Dawkins, from 30 residents of South Australia, praying that urgent action be taken to provide tutorial assistance to Aboriginal students.
 - Mr Dawkins, from 11 petitioners, praying that the Shark Bay region, WA, be declared a national park and nominated for World Heritage listing.
 - Mr Dobie, from 21 petitioners, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and certain other action be taken to protect the right to life of the unborn.
 - Mr R. F. Edwards, from 7 petitioners, praying that Government funding of abortion be abolished.
 - Ms Fatin, from 508 petitioners, praying for a twelve month moratorium followed by a referendum to enable the citizens of Australia to consider and decide whether the United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child should be ratified.
 - Mr Kerr, from 682 residents of Tasmania, praying that an embargo be placed on the importation of Chilean apple products and that consumers be assured of products free of Alar.
 - Mr Mack, from 40 petitioners, praying that woodchipping be phased out and certain other action be taken in relation to the forests of south eastern Australia.

Mr Moore, from 7 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to recognise Lithuania's Declaration of Independence and endorse its right to self-determination.

Mr Nehl, from 160 residents of Telegraph Point, NSW, praying that proposed changes to mail sorting times at the Telegraph Point post office be cancelled.

Mr Nehl, from 40 petitioners, praying that the restructuring of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reconsidered.

Mr Newell, from 510 petitioners, praying that proceedings on the Therapeutic Goods Regulations be delayed for six months while an inquiry is held into their effect.

Mr Prosser, from 164 residents of the Division of Forrest, praying that local government be allocated more resources to address the problem of deteriorating road networks.

Mr Truss, from 203 electors of the Division of Wide Bay, praying that the granting of Federal funds to the Adult Video Industry Association to promote X-rated videos overseas be opposed.

Petitions received.

3 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT—SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS: Mr R. F. Edwards (Chairman) presented the report of the Selection Committee relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. today, and, by leave, moved—That:

(1) the report be adopted; and

(2) so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent consideration of private Members' business today being as follows:

(a) private Members' business notices given for Thursday, 31 May, Nos. 1 to 3,

(b) private Members' business notices Nos. 2, 6 and 4,

(c) other private Members' business in the order appearing on the Notice Paper.

Question—put and passed.

4 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Langmore (Chairman) presented the following report:

Australian Capital Territory—Joint Committee—Review of the National Capital Plan, dated May 1990.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Langmore made a statement in connection with the report.

5 INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Lee (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Industry, Science and Technology—Standing Committee—Small business in Australia: challenges, problems and opportunities—

Recommendations and main conclusions in report, dated January 1990.

Report, dated January 1990.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Lee, Mr McArthur, Mr Grace and Mr Reid made statements in connection with the report.

6 PAY-TELEVISION TRANSMISSION BILL 1990: Mr N. A. Brown, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Radiocommunications Act*

1983 by repealing the prohibition on the transmission of certain pay-television programs.

Mr N. A. Brown made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

- 7 **CRIMES (PROTECTION OF AUSTRALIAN FLAGS) BILL 1990:** Mr Cobb, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1914* to provide for the protection of certain Australian Flags.

Mr Cobb made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

- 8 **FLAGS AMENDMENT BILL 1990:** Mr Hawker, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Flags Act 1953* to ensure that the Australian National Flag is not altered except with the approval of the Australian people voting in a referendum, that the Australian National Flag is not supplanted by use of the powers under the Act, and that the appointment of other flags and ensigns is subject to disallowance by either House of the Parliament.

Mr Hawker made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

- 9 **F/A-18 CONSTRUCTION—COMPLETION OF PROGRAM:** Mr Scholes, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) congratulates all concerned on the completion of the F/A-18 construction program;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) the program was completed on time and on budget;
 - (b) the Australian Industry Participation Program was completed in accordance with the original timetable and that standards of quality were extremely high; and
 - (c) the primary construction commenced by the Government Aircraft Factory (GAF), which delivered the first aircraft to the RAAF in 1984, and Aerospace Technologies of Australia (ASTA), which delivered the 75th aircraft on 12 May 1990, was efficiently managed despite the changeover from GAF to ASTA; and
- (3) compliments the staff and management of GAF, Department of Defence Support, Department of Defence, ASTA and other Australian participants upon the success of this program.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

- 10 **BALTIC STATES:** Mr Cadman, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:
- (1) deplors 50 years of gross violation of human rights and forced exile in the Baltic States;
 - (2) recognises the legality of the declarations of independence of these nations and endorses their stand for democracy, human rights and self determination;
 - (3) strongly condemns the threats of violence and the economic blackmail by the Soviet Union against these nations;
 - (4) calls on the Soviet authorities to abandon the blockade of vital raw materials to Lithuania and to allow the immediate resumption of oil, gas, food and medical supplies;

- (5) urges the Soviet Union to recognise and respect the declarations of independence; and
- (6) requests the Australian Government to establish diplomatic relations with Lithuania.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

- 11 **COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES:** Mr Kerr, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House commends the Government for its support of Community Legal Services and urges that further funding be allocated to this cost effective method of providing legal services to the community.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Ronaldson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

- 12 **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS NOTICE:** Upon notice No. 1, private Members' business, being called on, Mr Sciacca, in the absence of Mr Johns, and at his request, fixed the next sitting Thursday as the day for moving the motion.

- 13 **LITHUANIA, ESTONIA AND LATVIA—AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT:** Mr Ruddock, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) supports an independent and free Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia;
- (2) condemns the Soviet Union for its campaign of intimidation specifically against Lithuania;
- (3) calls on the Soviet authorities to abandon the blockade of vital raw materials to Lithuania and to allow the immediate resumption of oil, gas, food and medical supplies;
- (4) calls on the Soviet Union to accept the declarations of independence by the Baltic Republics and to facilitate a peaceful transition to their full autonomy; and
- (5) calls on the Australian Government to ensure that the Australian people's support for the people of the Baltic Republics is heard in Moscow.

It being 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 104A, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Ruddock was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

- 14 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of sessional order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 15 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

- 16 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 17 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:** Mr Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1989-90—

No. 32—Aggregate and departmental financial statements 1988-89.

No. 33—Department of Defence: Squirrel training helicopters—utilisation and maintenance.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That:

(1) this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 32 and 33 of 1989-90; and

(2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

18 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Audit Act—Finance Regulations—Commonwealth procurement guideline—7. Negotiation.

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

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Small Country - Big Science: Australian participation in major international accelerator and beam facilities, dated April 1990.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.

Broadcasting Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report—TV violence in Australia, dated January 1990—

Volume I—Decisions and reasons.

Volume II—Research findings.

Volume III—Summary of submissions.

Volume IV—Conference and technical papers.

Statement by Mr Beazley, Minister for Transport and Communications, dated May 1990.

Family Law Act—Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—

Australian Airlines Limited—Report on development and proposed implementation, for 1987-88.

Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1988-89.

Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee—Report for period 22 August 1988 to 30 June 1989.

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

National Health Act—Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report on the operations of the registered health insurance organisations for 1988-89.

National Health and Medical Research Council—Report—108th session, Canberra, November 1989.

Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—1st Report, for period 1 January to 30 June 1989—Corrigenda.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report pursuant to Division 2 of Part IX for period 1 September 1988 to 30 June 1989.

War Crimes Act—Special Investigations Unit—Report for period 25 January to 30 June 1989.

- 19 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report pursuant to Division 2 of Part IX for period 1 September 1988 to 30 June 1989.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 War Crimes Act—Special Investigations Unit—Report for period 25 January to 30 June 1989.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING TRIBUNAL—REPORT ON TV VIOLENCE IN AUSTRALIA—STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Broadcasting Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report—TV violence in Australia—Statement by Mr Beazley, Minister for Transport and Communications, dated May 1990.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING TRIBUNAL—REPORT—TV VIOLENCE IN AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Broadcasting Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report—TV violence in Australia, dated January 1990—
 Volume I—Decision and reasons.
 Volume II—Research findings.
 Volume III—Summary of submissions.
 Volume IV—Conference and technical papers.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 **ELECTION PETITION:** The Clerk presented a copy of an election petition, dated 8 May 1990, which he had received from the Registrar of the High Court, sitting as the Court of Disputed Returns, under section 369 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, viz.: Petition of Alan George Skyring in the matter of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, the *Currency Act 1965* and in the matter of a petition by Alan George Skyring to declare invalid the election of John Colinton Moore as the Member for Ryan at the House of Representatives election, held on 24 March 1990.
- 25 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICY:** The House was informed that Mr Reith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to

the House for discussion, namely, "The growing weakness of the Australian economy and the urgent need for the Government to change the mix and stance of economic policy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Reith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Paper: Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), by leave, presented the following paper:

Business Fixed Investment, 1984-85 constant prices, March 1966 to March 1990—Chart.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

26 LONG TERM STRATEGIES—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Duffy (Attorney-General), by leave, moved—

- (1) That a Standing Committee for Long Term Strategies be appointed to inquire into and report on:
 - (a) matters, whether economic, social, cultural or structural, relating to the strength and well-being of Australia and its ability to contribute to the resolution of international problems; and
 - (b) such other matters relating to long-term strategies as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) resolution of the House; or
 - (ii) a Minister.
- (2) That the committee consist of 12 members, 7 members to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member.
- (3) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (4) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting.
- (5) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (6) That the committee appoint the chairman of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chairman at that meeting.
- (7) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee.
- (8) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (9) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (11) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.
- (12) That a subcommittee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.

- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders.
Question—put and passed.

- 27 **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP:** The House was informed that the Opposition Whip had nominated Mr Webster to be a member of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs for the purpose of the inquiry into support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities.
- 28 **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:
- 24 May 1990—Message—
No. 14—Civil Aviation Amendment 1990.
No. 15—Export Market Development Grants Amendment 1990.
No. 16—Federal Airports Corporation Amendment 1990.
No. 17—Parliamentary Entitlements 1990.
- 30 May 1990—Message No. 18—
Appropriation (No. 3) 1989-90.
Appropriation (No. 4) 1989-90.
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1989-90.
- 29 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
- 22 May 1990—Message No. 12—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1989-90.
- 25 May 1990—Message—
No. 13—Appropriation (No. 3) 1989-90 (*without requests*).
No. 14—Appropriation (No. 4) 1989-90.
No. 15—Supply (Parliamentary Departments) 1990-91.
No. 16—Supply (No. 1) 1990-91 (*without requests*).
No. 17—Supply (No. 2) 1990-91.
- 28 May 1990—Message—
No. 18—Superannuation 1990.
No. 19—Superannuation Legislation Amendment 1990.
No. 20—Superannuation Benefits (Supervisory Mechanisms) 1990.
No. 22—Petroleum (Australia-Indonesia Zone of Cooperation) 1990.
No. 23—Petroleum (Australia-Indonesia Zone of Cooperation) (Consequential Provisions) 1990.
- 29 May 1990—Message—
No. 25—Taxation Laws Amendment 1990.
No. 26—Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment 1990.
- 30 May 1990—Message—
No. 27—Commonwealth Legal Aid Amendment 1990.
No. 28—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment 1990.
No. 29—Bounty Legislation Amendment 1990.
No. 30—Trade Practices (Misuse of Trans-Tasman Market Power) 1990.
- 30 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SALES TAX LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1990:**
The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 10

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to sales tax*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by

the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 22 May 1990

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 1, clause 2, lines 7 and 8, leave out the clause.

Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the amendment be disagreed to, but that, in place thereof, the Bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, clause 2, line 8, leave out “1 May 1990”, insert “9 May 1990”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Crean, the House adopted the report.

31 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SALES TAX (NOS. 1 TO 9) AMENDMENT BILLS 1990: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 11

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bills intituled:

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930’, and for related purposes”;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930’, and for related purposes”;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930’, and for related purposes”;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930’, and for related purposes”;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930’, and for related purposes”;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930’, and for related purposes”;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930’, and for related purposes”;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930’, and for related purposes”;

“A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930’, and for related purposes”;

and requests the House to amend the bills as indicated by the annexed schedules.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 22 May 1990

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
SALES TAX (NO. 1) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

Page 1, clause 2, lines 8 and 9, leave out the clause.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
SALES TAX (NO. 2) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

Page 1, clause 2, lines 8 and 9, leave out the clause.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
SALES TAX (NO. 3) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

Page 1, clause 2, lines 8 and 9, leave out the clause.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
SALES TAX (NO. 4) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

Page 1, clause 2, lines 8 and 9, leave out the clause.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
SALES TAX (NO. 5) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

Page 1, clause 2, lines 8 and 9, leave out the clause.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
SALES TAX (NO. 6) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

Page 1, clause 2, lines 8 and 9, leave out the clause.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
SALES TAX (NO. 7) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

Page 1, clause 2, lines 8 and 9, leave out the clause.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
SALES TAX (NO. 8) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

Page 1, clause 2, lines 8 and 9, leave out the clause.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
SALES TAX (NO. 9) AMENDMENT BILL 1990

Page 1, clause 2, lines 8 and 9, leave out the clause.

Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the requested amendments be not made, but that, in place thereof, each of the Bills be amended as follows:

Clause 2, page 1, line 9, omit “1 May 1990”, substitute “9 May 1990”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Crean, the House adopted the report.

- 32 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—OCCUPATIONAL SUPERANNUATION (REASONABLE BENEFIT LIMITS) AMENDMENT BILL 1990: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 21

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to establish arrangements for reasonable benefit limits under the ‘Occupational Superannuation Standards Act 1987’, and for other purposes*”, 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, 28 May 1990

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Page 7, clause 8, line 7, at end of proposed subsection 15F (1), add “and the person’s identity”.
- No. 2—Page 8, clause 8, proposed subsection 15G (1), lines 1 and 2, leave out “concerning the payment, superannuation pension or annuity”, insert “, being information that concerns the payment, superannuation pension or annuity or that is necessary to enable a determination of the person’s reasonable benefit limits to be made under subsection 15K (1)”.
- No. 3—Page 9, clause 8, proposed subsection 15G (7), line 6, leave out “concerning the payment”, insert “, being information that concerns the payment or that is necessary to enable a determination of the payee’s reasonable benefit limits to be made under subsection 15K (1)”.
- No. 4—Page 11, clause 8, proposed subsection 15J (1), line 19, leave out “concerning the transaction”, insert “, being information that concerns the transaction or that is necessary to enable a determination of the person’s reasonable benefit limits to be made under subsection 15K (1)”.
- No. 5—Page 12, clause 8, proposed subsection 15J (2), line 7, leave out “concerning the transaction”, insert “, being information that concerns the transaction or that is necessary to enable a determination of the person’s reasonable benefit limits to be made under subsection 15K (1)”.

On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Sullivan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Crean, the House adopted the report.

33 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BOUNTY (TEXTILE YARNS) AMENDMENT BILL 1990: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 24

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Bounty (Textile Yarns) Act 1981’, and for related purposes*”, 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, 28 May 1990

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Page 3, clause 10, after proposed paragraph 21B (2) (c), insert the following new paragraph:

“(ca) the applicant’s objectives in relation to occupational and environmental health and safety issues arising in respect of the production of TCF products in Australia; and”.

No. 2—Page 3, clause 10, proposed paragraph 21B (2) (d), line 39, leave out “and (c)”, insert “, (c) and (ca)”.

No. 3—Page 4, clause 10, after proposed paragraph 21C (2) (c), insert the following new paragraph:

“(ca) whether, in the opinion of the Authority, the business plan provided in support of the application will promote occupational and environmental health and safety;”.

On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Sullivan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Crean, the House adopted the report.

- 34 **AIRLINES AGREEMENT (TERMINATION) 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 Beazley (Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

- 35 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

31 May 1990—Message—

No. 31—Training Guarantee (Administration) 1990.

No. 32—Training Guarantee 1990 (*without requests*).

No. 34—Income Tax Assessment Amendment 1990.

No. 35—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2) 1990.

No. 36—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1990.

- 36 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990:** Message No. 33, dated 31 May 1990, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Transport and Communications) moved—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 37 **BROADCASTING 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 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: “the House declines to give the Bill a second reading and deplors the Government’s hasty and ill-conceived attempt to bestow a vast new range of unpredictable and unnecessary powers on the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal in a desperate attempt to divert attention from its total failure to introduce any meaningful reforms of broadcasting regulation despite the Prime Minister’s unequivocal 1987 election promise to ‘urgently reform this nightmarish legislation’”.

Debate continued.

Mr Elliott was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

38 REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—REPORT AND DETERMINATIONS: Mr Willis (Minister for Finance) presented the following papers:

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—

Determination—1990—No. 17—Remuneration and allowances for holders of public offices.

Report and determinations on the remuneration of Ministers of State, Parliamentary Office-holders, Senators and Members, the Judiciary, Secretaries of Departments and senior Public Office-holders, dated 23 May 1990.

39 REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—DETERMINATIONS—RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL: Mr Willis (Minister for Finance), by leave, moved—That this House disapproves the following determinations, dated 23 May 1990, of the Remuneration Tribunal—

No. 11 of 1990—Remuneration and allowances for holders of public offices.

No. 12 of 1990—Secretaries of Departments and holders of public offices—Remuneration and allowances.

No. 13 of 1990—Senators and Members of the House of Representatives—Basic salary and electorate allowance.

No. 14 of 1990—Members of the Parliament—Entitlements.

No. 15 of 1990—Allowances for Ministers of State and allowances and salary additional to basic salary for office holders of the Parliament.

No. 17 of 1990—Remuneration and allowances for holders of public offices.

Motion amended, by leave, by omitting “No. 14 of 1990—Members of the Parliament—Entitlements.”.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

40 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1990: Mr Willis (Minister for Finance), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the introduction and passage through all stages without delay of a Remuneration and Allowances Bill.

Question—put and passed.

41 REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1990: Mr Willis (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act relating to certain remuneration and allowances.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 19, dated 31 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

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mrs Sullivan reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 42 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 43 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sessional order 48A: Mr Beazley, by leave, moved—That sessional order 48A (adjournment of House) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Question—put and negatived.

- 44 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1990:** Message No. 20, dated 31 May 1990, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of amendment of the Remuneration and Allowances Bill 1990.

- 45 **REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1990:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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:

Schedule 3, page 15, at end of paragraph 3 add “or for any allowance in the nature of a Social Dislocation Allowance”.

Schedule 4, page 16, paragraph 3—

Rate per annum of additional salary for the Government Whip in the Senate, omit “10,305”, substitute “11,942”.

Rate per annum of additional salary for the Opposition Whip in the Senate, omit “10,305”, substitute “10,802”.

Rate per annum of additional salary for the Whip in the Senate of a recognised non-Government party of at least 5 members not otherwise specified herein, omit “1,279”, substitute “5,337”.

Rate per annum of additional salary for the Deputy Government Whip in the Senate, omit “1,279”, substitute “2,669”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mrs Sullivan reported accordingly.

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

- 46 **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Question—put and passed.

47 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.16 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m. in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 31 May 1990:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Determinations of terms and conditions of—

Chairperson, dated 29 April 1990.

Chief Executive Officer, dated 10 May 1990.

Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act—Determination pursuant to paragraphs 10D (1) (b) and (d), dated 28 April 1990.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1990—

Nos. 63 and 64—Temporary Rental Allowance.

No. 68—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Egypt and other allowances.

No. 72—Category Appropriate to a Member and Rates of Allowance—Papua New Guinea.

No. 75—Revised Rates of Allowance and other allowances.

No. 76—Settling In and Settling Out.

No. 79—Charge for Rations and Quarters.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—1990—T6 and T7—Grants for Building Projects.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of land acquired by agreement authorised under—

Subsection 40 (1).

Subsection 125 (3).

Migration Act—Notices pursuant to subsections—

32 (1), dated 9 May 1990 (2).

32 (2), dated 9 and 10 May 1990.

Privacy Act—Guidelines under section 17—Tax file number information, dated 29 May 1990.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing 17 May 1990 as the date on which the amendments made by the *Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1989* to the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Act 1967* shall come into operation.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1990—Nos. 32, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—1990—

No. 6—Principal Parliamentary Reporter and holders of public offices on other bodies.

No. 7—Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory—Remuneration and allowances.

No. 9—Executive Director, Special Broadcasting Service.

No. 10—Vice-Chancellor, Australian National University and holders of public offices on other bodies.

Report—1990—No. 1—Vice-Chancellors, Principals, Chief Executive Officers and Deputy Chief Executive Officers—Rates of salaries.

States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act—Determinations of amount under—Section 17, dated 16 February 1990, 13 and 23 (4) March 1990, 3 April 1990.

Sections 16 and 17, dated 27 March 1990.

States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Act—Determinations—TAFE 1/90, TAFE 2/90, TAFE 3/90, TAFE 4/90, TAFE 5/90, TAFE 6/90, TAFE 7/90, TAFE 8/90, TAFE 9/90, TAFE 10/90.

States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Act—Determinations—1989—Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Declaration under subsection 34 (1)—Independent Commission Against Corruption, dated 15 May 1990.

Trade Practices Act—Declaration of designated secondary shipper bodies—Australian Dried Fruits Shippers' Association, dated 9 May 1990.

Dairy Industry Shipping Association, dated 3 May 1990.

MAMSAAL, dated 17 May 1990.

Meat Industry Shippers Association, dated 17 May 1990.

Tasmanian Shippers Association, dated 9 May 1990.

Wool Industry Shipping Group, dated 17 May 1990.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hawke, Mr Keating, Ms McHugh and Mr Prosser.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives