

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 17

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 1990

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- 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:
 - Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1989-90.
 - Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Your word is my command: Towards an Australian capability in human-computer interface design.
 - Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report by Higher Education Council, including the Board's comments—Higher education courses and graduate studies, dated September 1990.
 - Fishing Industry Research Act—Report on operation of Act for 1988-89.
 - 4 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LIVING STANDARDS FOR RURAL AUSTRALIA:** The House was informed that Mr Andrew had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The decline of living standards for rural Australia due to the failure of the Labor Government to adequately address the nation's economic problems".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Andrew addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 5 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1990-91—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Snowdon—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
 - 6 **PRIVILEGE—CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Dr Theophanous (Chairman) outlined the conclusions of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration Regulations on the matters of privilege raised by him on 11 and 17 September 1990. With regard to the two articles which were the subject of the matter of privilege raised on 11 September, the committee was of the view that they did not constitute substantial interference with the final recommendations of the committee and as a result the committee would not persist in seeking to have the matter referred to the Committee of Privileges. On the matter of privilege raised on 17 September, the

committee considered that the publication of the article had seriously impeded its deliberations and work. Dr Theophanous indicated that the committee had followed the procedure proposed by Mr Speaker in his statement to the House on 17 September and requested that a motion to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges be accorded precedence on the next sitting day.

The Deputy Speaker stated that he would bring the report to the attention of Mr Speaker.

7 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1990-91—BUDGET DEBATE: 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.

8 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 September 1990:

Fisheries Act—

Notices—Nos. BSS1, NWS1, ORF6, ORF8, ORF9, SET1, SET2, TEC2, TLT3, WNW1.

Plan of Management—No. 27—Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan (Amendment).

Variation agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Longvatraal Australia Pty Ltd—

John Longva, dated 16 August 1990.

Longva III, dated 16 August 1990.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Ms Crawford, Mrs Darling, Mr Dubois, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Gorman, Mr Hawke, Dr Hewson, Mr Kerr, Mr Lee, Mr McGauran, Mr J. L. Scott, Mr Sinclair, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Taylor, Mr Webster and Mr Wilson.

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