

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 20

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 1990

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **HANSARD REPORT OF QUESTION TIME, THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 1990—**
STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement concerning the *Hansard* report of an answer given in question time on Thursday, 13 September 1990, by the Prime Minister.
 Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by indulgence, also made a statement on the matter.
- 3 **DEATH OF MR P. V. M. WHITE:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Mr P. V. M. White, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death, on Sunday, 30 September 1990, of Patrick White. And Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
 Question—passed.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Paper: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented the following paper:
 Joint Coal Board—Review—Terms of reference.
 Questions without notice continued.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Aboriginal deaths in custody—Royal Commission—Reports—Inquiry into the death of—
 Gregory Michael Dunrobin.
 Daniel Alfred Lacey.
 Karen Lee O'Rourke.
 The young man who died at—
 Beatrice Hill Prison Farm on 21 September 1988.
 Elliott on 21 March 1985.
 Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—134th meeting, Adelaide, 20 July 1990.
 Australian Soil Conservation Council—Resolutions—5th meeting, Adelaide, 20 July 1990.
 Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1990.
 Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 1989-90.

Housing Assistance Act—Report on operation of Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement for 1988-89.

Insurance and Superannuation Commission—Report pursuant to requirements of the Life Insurance Act, Insurance Act, Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act and Occupational Superannuation Standards Act, including financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report, for 1989-90.

States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1984—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 1988—
Report.

Paper by Mr Dawkins, Minister for Employment, Education and Training, dated 9 October 1990.

6 AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL—RESOLUTIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—134th meeting, Adelaide, 20 July 1990.

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

7 AUSTRALIAN SOIL CONSERVATION COUNCIL—RESOLUTIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Australian Soil Conservation Council—Resolutions—5th meeting, Adelaide, 20 July 1990.

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

8 ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—ROYAL COMMISSION—REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the reports of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody of the inquiries into the deaths of—

Gregory Michael Dunrobin.

Daniel Alfred Lacey.

Karen Lee O'Rourke.

The young man who died at—

Beatrice Hill Prison Farm on 21 September 1988.

Elliott on 21 March 1985.

Question—put and passed.

9 OVERSEAS VISITS BY PRIME MINISTER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning his recent visits to New Caledonia, the South Pacific Forum, Papua New Guinea and Japan.

Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICIES: The House was informed that Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The devastating impact of the Hawke Government's economic policies on rural and regional families, businesses and industries".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lloyd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
24 September 1990—Message No. 40—Airlines Agreement (Termination) 1990.
- 12 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM BILL 1990:** Message No. 54, dated 19 September 1990, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to establish the Australian National Maritime Museum*”.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PATENTS BILL 1990:** Message No. 55, dated 20 September 1990, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act relating to patents of inventions*”.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) moved—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
- 14 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1990-91:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industries and Energy, \$440 632 000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Social Security, \$949 620 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services, \$445 404 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Community Services and Health, \$1 548 242 000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$1 321 479 000—
together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, \$1 473 900 000—debated.

Mr Grace addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr L. J. Scott reported accordingly.

- 15 **ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Statement by Mr Speaker: Mr Speaker made a statement on a matter of order raised earlier in the day by Mr Fife, concerning remarks reportedly made by Mr H. F. Woods in relation to the Speaker. Mr Speaker stated that it would be possible for him to require the Member to withdraw the

reported remarks and apologise for them because they amounted to a reflection on the Chair.

Mr H. F. Woods made an explanation, unreservedly withdrew the reflection and apologised to the Chair.

Mr Fife, by indulgence, also made a statement in relation to the matter.

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 9 October 1990:

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 299.

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

No. 23—Census of electricity and gas businesses.

No. 24—Survey of mining and exploration services industries: 1989-90.

No. 25—Supplementary survey of mineral and petroleum exploration: December quarter 1990.

Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Declaration of formation of subsidiary company, Sunberry Pty Ltd, dated 9 February 1990.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 308.

Barley Research Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 290.

Circuit Layouts Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 302.

Civil Aviation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 310.

Companies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 295.

Copyright Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 301.

Currency Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 300.

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—1990—Nos. 8, 9.

Determinations under section 58B—1990—

Nos. 91 and 111—Revised rates of allowance and other allowances.

No. 114—Reimbursement for insurance costs.

No. 115—Revised rates of allowance and other allowances.

No. 119—Revised rates of allowances.

No. 120—Revised rates of allowance and other allowances.

No. 123—Salary of Permanent Force Members and other allowances.

No. 124—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Canada and other allowances.

No. 125—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Hong Kong and other allowances.

No. 126—Transitional rates of allowances—Payments in respect of relevant period.

No. 127—Revised rates of allowance and other allowances.

No. 130—Post Allowance—Kiribati.

No. 131—Post Allowance—Western Samoa.

No. 132—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Mexico and other allowances.

No. 133—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Nigeria and other allowances.

No. 134—Rent and utilities contribution.

No. 135—Revised rates of allowance and other allowances.

No. 137—Rates of Travelling Allowance—Cyprus and other allowances.

No. 139—Philippines—Post Allowance.

- Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 296.
- Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 303.
- Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 305.
- Export Inspection (Service Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 304.
- Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 294.
- Health Insurance Act—
- Approvals and/or revocations pursuant to subsection 23DB (1), dated—
 - 31 May 1990 (2).
 - 20 June 1990 (2).
 - Determinations pursuant to paragraphs—
 - 23DC (2) (c), dated 31 May 1990.
 - 23DF (2) (c), dated 31 May 1990.
- Horticultural Levy Act and Horticultural Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 306.
- Horticultural Export Charge Act and Horticultural Export Charge Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 307.
- Lands Acquisition Act—
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 291.
 - Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 40 (1).
- Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 311.
- National Health Act—
- Instrument for the purposes of paragraph 40AA (6) (ce), dated 19 September 1990.
 - Notice of determination of amount for purposes of subsection 47 (1), dated 11 September 1990.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 292.
- Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—Order—1990—No. 7—Marine, Part 2.
- Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 298.
- Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Notice of determination of amount for purposes of subsection 12 (4C), dated 11 September 1990.
- Oilseeds Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 309.
- Ozone Protection Act—Notices under paragraph 40 (7) (b), in relation to exemptions under schedule 4, dated 25 September 1990 (3).
- Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts and sections of Acts shall come into operation—
- Circuit Layouts Act 1989*—Provisions, other than sections 1 and 2—1 October 1990.
 - Copyright Amendment Act 1989*—Sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 17, and items 5, 16, 17 and 20 in the Schedule—1 October 1990.
- Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 293.
- Public Service Act—
- Determinations—1990—Nos. 91, 93, 97, 116, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 128, 129, 132, 150, 152, 153, 154, 155, 161.
 - Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determinations—1990—Nos. 16, 18, 22.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—1990—

No. 18—Member, National Board of Employment, Education and Training, who is also Chairperson of the Higher Education Council and holders of public offices on other bodies.

No. 19—Chief Law Officer, Australian Capital Territory and holders of public offices on other bodies.

No. 20—Head of Administration, Australian Capital Territory.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Notice of variation of plan of layout of City of Canberra and its environs—1990—No. 1.

States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act—Determination of amount under section 17, dated 13 September 1990.

Supply and Development Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 297.

Trade Practices Act—Declaration of designated secondary shipper bodies—1990—

No. 1—Australian Table Grape Exporters Committee.

No. 2—Western Australian Shippers' Advisory Committee Inc.

No. 3—South Australian Shipping User Group.

No. 4—Australian Onion Association.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments varying—

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, dated 10 September 1990.

Treatment Principles, dated 26 July 1990, 15 and 23 August 1990, and 26 September 1990.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Ms Crawford, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Holding, Mr Kerr, Mr Lee, Ms McHugh, Mr Miles, Mr Sinclair, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Webster.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives