

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 23

MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 1990

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
 - 2 **ABSENCE OF MR SPEAKER:** The Clerk having informed the House that Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) was absent on parliamentary business overseas, the Chairman of Committees (Mr R. F. Edwards) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report by Employment and Skills Formation Council, including the Board's comments—Industry training advisory bodies.
 - 5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—STATE OF ECONOMY AND INTEREST RATES:** The House was informed that Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to provide clear signals on the state of our economy and to implement policies to provide sustainable reductions in interest rates".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Dr Hewson addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 6 **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 Foreign Affairs and Trade,
\$1 473 900 000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce, \$1 335 295 000—

Department of Industrial Relations, \$300 936 000—

together—

On the motion of Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), the following amendment was made: Page 62, omit "proposed *Bounty (Computers) Act 1990*", substitute "*Bounty (Computers) Act 1984*".

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures, as amended, agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories, \$689 272 000—debated.

Paper: Mr Jull, by leave, presented the following paper:

Tourism Action Plan—Copy of policy paper by the Liberal Party of Australia and the National Party of Australia, dated March 1990.

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs, \$311 824 000—debated.

Paper: Mr Aldred, by leave, presented the following paper:

World Wing Chun Kung Fu Organisation and the enrolment of overseas students—Copy of letter from J. Ledger, Assistant Secretary, Overseas Students Programs Branch, Department of Employment, Education and Training, to Mr W. Cheung, World Wing Chun Kung Fu Organisation, dated 16 January 1989.

Debate continued.

Mr Hand (Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs) addressing the committee—

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

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

Adjournment negatived: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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

On the motion of Ms Fatin (Minister for Local Government), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Campbell, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australia's role in the international tropical timber industry—Copy of report by Coopers & Lybrand Consultants in association with Forestry Technical Services Pty Ltd to the Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories, dated April 1990.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.22 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 October 1990:

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—1990—T16, T17, T18 and T19—Grants for building projects.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instrument varying Treatment Principles, dated 4 October 1990.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Burr, Mr Cameron, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Goodluck, Mr Holding, Mr Hollis, Mr Hulls, Mr Jones, Mr Lee, Ms McHugh, Mr McLeay, Mr Miles, Mr Sinclair and Mrs Sullivan.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives