

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1990

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr R. F. Edwards) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Mack and Mr Sharp, from 20 and 19 petitioners, respectively, praying that immigrants be selected so that the existing ethnic structure of Australia is maintained.

Mr Andrew, from 7 petitioners, praying that the Therapeutic Goods Regulations be rejected and a public inquiry held into the registration of natural medicines.

Mr Beale, from 112 petitioners, praying that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child not be ratified.

Mr O'Neil, from 347 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Beale, from 83 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 the Rights of the Child should be ratified.

Dr Catley, from 90 members of the Association of Ukrainians in South Australia, praying that the Ukrainian Republic's right to self-determination and national independence be supported and that the proposed Treaty between the USSR and the Ukrainian Republic be opposed.

Mr T. A. Fischer, from 76 electors of the Division of Farrer, praying that the sale and distribution of X-rated videos in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory be banned and that X-rated video material be proscribed.

Mr T. A. Fischer, from 39 petitioners, praying that legislative action be taken to protect the present Australian coat of arms and national flag and to impose certain penalties for the abuse of those symbols.

Mr Gayler, from 61 petitioners, praying that the Shark Bay region, WA, be declared a national park and nominated for World Heritage listing.

Dr Hewson, from 99 petitioners, praying that the position of the family as the basic unit of society be ensured and that certain other action be taken to maintain traditional family values.

Mr Hicks, from 440 residents of Broken Hill, NSW, praying that the Silver City Limited rail service be declared a community service obligation.

Mr McArthur, from 59 petitioners, praying that ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child be delayed pending community consideration and that reservations be submitted concerning the rights and responsibilities of parents.

Mr Mack, from 273 petitioners, praying that action be taken to phase out the consumption, production and export of chlorofluorocarbons and halons.

Mr Mack, from 17 petitioners, praying that action be taken to re-negotiate or nullify the Treaty of Trianon (1920).

Mr Mack, from 13 petitioners, praying that the Otway Forests, Vic., be managed in the best interests of the Australian people and that the export woodchip licence granted to Midway Wood Products be rescinded.

Mr Mack, from 6 petitioners, praying that the production of ozone depleting substances be phased out and measures developed for their safe disposal.

Mr Nehl, from 2400 petitioners, praying for certain action to remove uncertainties and anomalies created for pensioners by the 1990-91 Budget.

Mr Nehl, from 179 petitioners, praying that funds be provided to enable the Pacific Highway to be made into a four-lane, divided dual carriageway from Hexham, NSW, to the Queensland border.

Mr Ruddock, from 208 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to restore peace and order in Sri Lanka's Tamil homelands.

Petitions received.

3 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr L. J. Scott presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the 75th anniversary commemoration of the landings at Gallipoli, April 1990—Report.

Mr L. J. Scott, Mr Connolly and Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) made statements in connection with the report.

4 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Martin (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Dead rent and other burning issues: Review of the Auditor-General's Reports on aspects of the Department of Administrative Services—

Report, dated October 1990.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Martin made a statement in connection with the report.

5 INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—NICOSIA CONFERENCE, 1990—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr A. A. Morris presented the following paper:

Inter-Parliamentary Union—83rd Conference, Nicosia, 2-7 April 1990—Report of the Australian Delegation.

Mr A. A. Morris made a statement in connection with the report.

6 FINANCIAL INFORMATION (PRIVACY) BILL 1990: Mr Costello, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to regulate financial reporting and protect privacy.

Mr Costello 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 AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL SYSTEM: Mr Snow, pursuant to notice, moved—That the Australian federal system is costly and inefficient, impedes social justice and fairness and should be replaced by a two-tier system consisting of reformed and strengthened national and local government structures.

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 Mrs Gallus was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

8 PRINCE OF WALES LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT: Mr Riggall, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the long and distinguished service of the 4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse Regiment since its foundation in the 1860s;
- (2) recognises the contribution made by the Regiment not only in the seven campaigns in which it has been involved but also in its role in Army Reserve training in the Gippsland area since World War II;
- (3) notes the intention of US President George Bush to decorate the Regiment for its outstanding services in Vietnam; and
- (4) condemns the Government cuts in defence spending announced in the Budget, which is expected to result in the disbanding of the loyal, proud and distinguished 4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse Regiment.

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 L. J. Scott was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

9 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ALTERATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE ELECTORS) BILL 1990: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—

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

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

10 CRIMES (PROTECTION OF AUSTRALIAN FLAGS) 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 12.30 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 Filing was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

11 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.

12 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS: Members' statements were made.

13 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: The Acting Speaker named the honourable Member for O'Connor (Mr Tuckey) for defying the Chair.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for O'Connor be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Gear*	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gibson	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Dr Catley	Mr Grace*	Mr Mack	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Hand	Mr Melham	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Hawke	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Walker
Mr Crean	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hulls	Mr Newell	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Keefe	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	

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Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Atkinson	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr Filing	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Mrs Gallus	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Reith	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Riggall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.17 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber. Questions without notice continued.

14 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS: The Acting Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—

Australian National Audit Office—Report and financial statements, including the independent auditor's report, for 1989-90.

Audit report No. 8 of 1990-91—Department of Social Security: payment of pensions overseas.

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 annual report of the Auditor-General on the Australian National Audit Office for 1989-90 and the Auditor-General's audit report No. 8 of 1990-91; and

(2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

15 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal deaths in custody—Royal Commission—Reports—Inquiry into the death of—

Malcolm Buzzacott.

Stanley John Gollan.

Gordon Michael Semmens.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 1989-90.

Australian Fisheries Council—Resolutions—20th meeting, Hobart, 6 July 1990.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1989-90.

Department of Transport and Communications—Report of investigation into the search and rescue incident for the yacht *Rockin Robin*, 8-11 June 1990—
Report, dated October 1990.

Statement by Senator Collins, Minister for Shipping and Aviation Support.

Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Council—Report for 1989-90.

National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council—Report, including a report on the operations of the Coal Research Assistance Act, for 1989-90.

National Health and Medical Research Council—Report—109th session, Melbourne, May 1990.

Public Service Act—
Defence Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1989-90.

Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, a report on the Adult Migrant Education Program pursuant to the Immigration (Education) Act, a return pursuant to the Australian Citizenship Act and a freedom of information statement, for 1989-90.

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Limited—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1989-90.

Tenure of Appointees to Commonwealth Tribunals—Joint Select Committee—
Report, dated November 1989—Government response.

**16 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—

Malcolm Buzzacott.

Stanley John Gollan.

Gordon Michael Semmens.

Question—put and passed.

17 DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Public Service Act—Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, a report on the Adult Migrant Education Program pursuant to the Immigration (Education) Act, a return pursuant to the Australian Citizenship Act and a freedom of information statement, for 1989-90.

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

18 **ROCKIN ROBIN—INVESTIGATION INTO THE SEARCH AND RESCUE INCIDENT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Department of Transport and Communications—Report of investigation into the search and rescue incident for the yacht *Rockin Robin*, 8-11 June 1990, dated October 1990.

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

19 **ROCKIN ROBIN—INVESTIGATION INTO THE SEARCH AND RESCUE INCIDENT—STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Department of Transport and Communications—Report of investigation into the search and rescue incident for the yacht *Rockin Robin*, 8-11 June 1990, dated October 1990—Statement by Senator Collins, Minister for Shipping and Aviation Support.

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

20 **ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 1989-90.

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

21 **PAPER:** The Acting Speaker presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation—Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Bank Group)—Reports and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1989-90.

22 **SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT:** The Acting Speaker (Chairman) presented the following report:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 November 1990.

23 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES:** 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 Prime Minister to understand the impact of his Government's policies on Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—Dr Hewson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

24 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts relating to matters dealt with by the Department of Primary Industries and Energy, and for related purposes.

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 (Dr R. L. Woods), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

25 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (FURTHER PAYMENT) BILL 1990: Dr Blewett (Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorise a further contribution by Australia to the International Development Association.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Dr Blewett presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

26 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) BILL 1990: Mr Willis (Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to promote the occupational health and safety of persons employed by the Commonwealth and Commonwealth authorities, and for related purposes.

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

27 SALES TAX LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1990: Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to sales tax.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

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

17 October 1990—Message No. 68—Arts, Environment, Tourism and Territories Legislation Amendment 1990.

18 October 1990—Message No. 69—First Home Owners Amendment 1990.

29 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Lindsay (Chairman) presented the following report:

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Operation Ark—Report, including a dissenting report, dated October 1990.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Lindsay, Mr Filing, Mr Melham and Mr McGauran, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

30 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—3RD REPORT: Mr Gorman (Chairman) presented the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 3RD REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to the Parliament since 21 September 1990, recommends that the following be printed:

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.
 The young man who died at Elliott on 21 March 1985.
 Archives Act—
 Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Report for 1989-90.
 Australian Archives—Report for 1989-90.
 Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Government funding of academic and related research in Australia: An international comparison, dated September 1990.
 Australian Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian Telecommunications Corporation—Report for 1989-90.
 Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 1989-90.
 Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report—Issues in Fiscal Equalisation 1990—
 Volume I—Main Report.
 Volume II—Appendices and consultant's report.
 Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1989-90.
 Federal Court of Australia Act—Federal Court of Australia—Report for 1989-90.
 Fisheries Act—Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1989.
 Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 1989-90.
 High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1989-90.
Housing Assistance Act 1984—Report on the operations of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement for 1988-89.
 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—Insurance and the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*.
 Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report—Product liability, dated 18 July 1990 (No. 4).
 Insurance and Superannuation Commission—Report pursuant to the requirements of the Life Insurance Act, Insurance Act, Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act and Occupational Superannuation Standards Act for 1989-90.
 Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1989.
 Murray-Darling Basin Act—Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 1988-89.
 OTC Limited—Report for year ended 31 March 1990.
 Public Service Act—Attorney-General's Department—Report for 1989-90.
States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1984—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 1988.
 Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Report for 1989-90.
 Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1989-90.

RUSS GORMAN
 Chairman

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Mr Gorman, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.
 Question—put and passed.

31 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (RATES AND PROVISIONAL TAX) BILL 1990: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 65

Mr Acting Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the law relating to taxation*”, 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, 17 October 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

Clause 7, page 2, definition of ‘provisional tax uplift factor’, lines 28 to 32, omit the definition, substitute the following definition:

“ ‘provisional tax uplift factor’, in relation to a year of income, means, until the Parliament otherwise provides, 10%;”.

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

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

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

32 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INCOME TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1990: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 67

Mr Acting Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the Income Tax Act 1986*”, and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by the annexed schedule.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 17 October 1990

Ordered—That the amendment 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

Clause 3, page 1, lines 10 to 12, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

“3. Section 7 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

Levy of Tax

‘7. The tax imposed by subsection 5(1) is levied, and shall be paid, for the financial year commencing on 1 July 1986 and for all subsequent financial years until the Parliament otherwise provides.’”.

On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the requested amendment was made.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

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

33 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1990:
The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 66

Mr Acting Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Medicare Levy Act 1986’, and for related purposes*”, and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by the annexed schedule.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 17 October 1990

Ordered—That the amendment 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
Schedule, page 2, proposed amendment to paragraph 11 (a), omit the proposed amendment, substitute the following amendment:

“Section 11:

Repeal the section, substitute the following section:

Financial years for which levy is payable

‘11. The levy imposed by this Act is levied, and shall be paid, for the financial year commencing on 1 July 1986 and for all subsequent financial years until the Parliament otherwise provides.’.”

Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the requested amendment be made.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Nehl, in the Chair)—

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Mr Elliott	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear*	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Gibson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Dr Catley	Mr Gorman	Mr Martin	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Grace*	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Griffiths	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Hand	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Walker
Mr Crean	Mr Howe	Mr Newell	Mr West
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hulls	Mr O’Keefe	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Humphreys	Mr O’Neil	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Price	Mr Wright

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Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Atkinson	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Shack
Mrs Bailey	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradford	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr Filing	Mr Mack	Mr Somlyay
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Moore	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Ford	Mr Nugent	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Gallus	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr Chaney	Mr Hall	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Charles	Mr Halverson	Mr Riggall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Crean, the House adopted the report.

34 **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING:** Mr Crean (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 6 November 1990, at 3 p.m.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

35 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** The House was informed that Ms Crawford and Ms McHugh had been nominated by the Government Whip and Mrs Bailey had been nominated by the Opposition Whip to be members of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for the purposes of the inquiry into equal opportunity and equal status for Australian women.

36 **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

37 **CRIMES (TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES) 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.

38 **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE:** The House was informed that the Leader of the House had nominated Mr Lavarch to be a member of the Committee of Privileges in its consideration of the matters referred to it on 17 and 19 September 1990.

39 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990:** Mr Howe (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social welfare, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Howe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Howe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

40 **ICSID IMPLEMENTATION 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.

41 **EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT 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.

42 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being approximately 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.—The Acting Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 6 November 1990, at 3 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

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

Barley Research Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 329.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

105—Amendments, dated 17(3), 20, 21, 24 and 27 September 1990 and 8 and 11 October 1990.

106—Amendments, dated 24 September 1990.

107—Amendments, dated 24 September 1990.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 319.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 312.

Industrial Relations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 328.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, Nos. 314, 315, 316, 317, 318.

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Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 330.

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Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 323.
Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instrument varying Treatment Principles, dated
10 October 1990.

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

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