

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 51

MONDAY, 11 MARCH 1991

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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 **MENZIES ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT:** Mr Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ on 5 April 1991 for the election of a Member to serve for the electoral division of Menzies, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honourable Neil Anthony Brown, QC. The dates in connection with the election would be fixed as follows:

Issue of writ	Friday, 5 April 1991.
Close of roll	Friday, 12 April 1991.
Nominations close	Friday, 19 April 1991.
Date of polling	Saturday, 11 May 1991.
Return of writ	On or before Sunday, 14 July 1991.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Advance to the Minister for Finance—
Statement for February 1991.
Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during February 1991.
 - Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1989-90.
 - Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—
Report—Interstate distribution of general purpose grants for local government 1991.
 - 5 **ANTI-DUMPING AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**
Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 - Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1989-90.
 Debate adjourned (Mr McLachlan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REFORM:** The House was informed that Mr Sharp had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s total failure to achieve reform of Australia’s transport infrastructure, disadvantaging exporters and manufacturers and leading to a decline in the economy and employment opportunities”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Sharp addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:
7 March 1991—Message No. 177—Pig Slaughter Levy Amendment 1990.
- 8 **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:
6 March 1991—Message—
No. 103—Appropriation (No. 3) 1990-91.
No. 104—Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) 1991.
- 9 **MARINE NAVIGATION (REGULATORY FUNCTIONS) LEVY BILL 1991:** 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 Sharp who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its failure to reduce costs imposed by Government through inefficiencies and inadequate reform in the Australian shipping industry, placing a competitive disadvantage on Australian exporters”.
Debate continued.
Amendment negatived.
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

- The House resumed; Mr Dubois reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 **MARINE NAVIGATION (REGULATORY FUNCTIONS) LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1991:** 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 105, dated 21 February 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** 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 P. S. Fisher who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House

is of the opinion that the renaming of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation to the Meat Research Corporation will be of minimal effect unless the Government undertakes:

- (1) to remedy the inefficiency and exorbitant costs associated with the current meat inspection system; and
- (2) to ensure that industrial action by meat workers does not continue to cause serious disruption to the operation of abattoirs."

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr Mack	Mr Sharp
Mrs Bailey	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr Filing	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Reid	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Halverson	Mr Reith	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Chaney	Mr Hawker	Mr Riggall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

12 DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS—REPORT—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader

of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 18 October 1990*), viz.:

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 resumed.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 MIGRATION REGULATIONS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 16 October 1990*), viz.:

Migration Regulations—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Illegal entrants in Australia: Balancing control and compassion—Government response—Question—put and passed.

- 14 MIGRATION LEGISLATION REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 9 May 1990*), viz.:

Migration legislation review—Ministerial statement, 9 May 1990—Question—put and passed.

- 15 INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** 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 McGauran who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) is of the opinion that the very existence of the Discretionary Grants Scheme and the Generic Technologies Scheme, administered by the Industry Research and Development Board, attests to the Government's failure to carry out necessary economic reforms which has resulted in:
 - (a) the incapacity of Australia's economy to derive the full benefits of technological innovation;
 - (b) the high cost of capital and general economic conditions which have compromised industry investment, especially in technology-related business strategies; and
 - (c) the inability of small start-up companies to gain access to suitable private capital backing or industry support at the early stages of product development; and
- (2) notes that the extension of these schemes until 1994, which the Bill proposes, is further evidence of the Government's failure in this regard”.

Debate continued.

Mr L. J. Scott addressing the House—

- 16 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.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 March 1991:

Fisheries Act—

Notices—1991—Nos. 7 (NED 1), 8 (NTF 3), 9 (ORF 13).

Plan of Management—1991—

No. 28—Southern Shark Fishery Management Plan (Amendment).

No. GAB 2—Great Australian Bight Trawl Fishery Preliminary Management Plan (Amendment).

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

Subsection 40 (1).

Subsection 125 (3).

Ozone Protection Act—Notices under subsection 40 (3), in relation to exemptions, dated 1 and 2 February 1991.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mr Hulls, Mr Lindsay, Mr Lloyd, Mr McArthur and Mr Peacock.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives