

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 61

THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 1991

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fife and Mr Snow, from 32, 102 and 101 petitioners, respectively, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and that the right to life of the unborn be protected.

Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Fitzgibbon, from 19 and 29 petitioners, respectively, in similar terms.

Mr Jull, Mr Reid and Mr Reith, from 36, 65 and 46 petitioners, respectively, praying that legislation preventing the right to advertise electoral material on radio and television be rejected.

Mr Simmons and Dr R. L. Woods, from 12 and 28 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken before 1 January 2001 to reaffirm that Australia is a Christian Commonwealth according to law and its heritage, traditions and customs.

Mr Beale, from 20 petitioners, praying for a twelve month moratorium followed by a referendum to enable the citizens of Australia to consider and decide whether the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child should be ratified.

Mr Bradford, from 32 petitioners, praying that the unprovoked use of force in the Baltic States by the Soviet Union be condemned and that trade sanctions be implemented and relief action to the USSR suspended.

Mr Cadman, from 130 petitioners, praying that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child be amended to recognise the importance of the family unit and the rights and responsibilities of parents and that certain international treaties be debated in Parliament.

Mr Cadman, from 44 petitioners, praying that the hostel care subsidy for non-financially disadvantaged persons be reinstated.

Mr Cadman, from 8 petitioners, praying that any move to abolish political advertising be rejected and that public funding of political parties be abolished.

Ms Crawford, from 1083 residents of Queensland, praying that the fire fighting service at Archerfield Airport, Qld, be retained.

Mr Fife, from 124 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.

Mrs Jakobsen, from 497 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 McLachlan, from 37 petitioners, praying that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child not be ratified.

Mr McLachlan, from 12 residents of South Australia, praying that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child be amended to give adequate recognition to the rights of parents with respect to the education and physical, social and moral development of their children.

Mr Moore, from 30 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to ban international sales of armaments and arms-related technology.

Dr R. L. Woods, from 202 petitioners, praying for the provision of a Medicare rebate for Jobst garments.

Petitions received.

**3 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Romania, Greece, Anzac Parliamentary Group and the North Atlantic Assembly, November 1990—Report.

Mr Sciacca moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day, and Mr Sciacca was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Follow the yellow brick road—Final report on an efficiency audit of the Australian Taxation Office: International profit shifting—

Report, dated March 1991.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Martin and Mr Wilson made statements in connection with the report.

**5 ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms McHugh—That the House take note of the report (*presented on 11 April 1991*), viz.:

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—The injured coastline: Protection of the coastal environment—Report, dated 9 April 1991—

Debate resumed.

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 R. F. Edwards was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

**6 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the

Minister for Social Security)—That the House take note of the paper (*see* entry No. 3), viz.:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Romania, Greece, Anzac Parliamentary Group and the North Atlantic Assembly—Report, dated November 1990—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

**7 NATIONAL MEASUREMENT (STANDARD TIME) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr R. F. Edwards, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Measurement Act 1960* in relation to standard time and summer time in Australia and the external Territories.

Mr R. F. Edwards made a statement in relation to the Bill.

*Paper:* Mr R. F. Edwards presented an explanatory memorandum 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.

**8 SPORTS AND RECREATION FUNDING:** Mr Gibson, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes the major contribution to enhancing local facilities made by the Commonwealth Government's Community Recreation and Sporting Facilities program through provision of financial assistance to sporting and recreational organisations;
- (2) notes that the purpose of this program is to encourage the development of high quality sport and recreational facilities across Australia to enable greater community participation in sport and improved development of skills to enhance Australia's national and international sporting performances, as recommended by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration reports of May and December 1989 entitled "Going for Gold" and "Can Sport be Bought", respectively;
- (3) seeks a continuation of this program in the 1991-92 Commonwealth Budget to enable additional support to be provided throughout Australia for development of further community facilities; and
- (4) calls upon the Government to allocate:
  - (a) a sum of not less than \$20 million over a three year period for the Recreation and Sporting Facilities program; and
  - (b) a similar sum for the establishment of a National Sports Facilities program to provide substantial financial support for the construction of sporting facilities of national significance, particularly in regional centres, in accordance with recommendations contained in the above-mentioned reports.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

**9 STANDARD OF LIVING IN RURAL AREAS:** Mr Hicks, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House expresses concern at the deteriorating standard of living of those Australians in rural areas.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

10 **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.

*Papers:* Mr Wright, by leave, presented the following papers:

Companies (Queensland) Code—Queensland Justices' Association Inc.—  
Copies of—

Business names extracts (2).

Company extract.

Company profile.

Invoices (4).

Letter from J. V. M. Green, Commissioner for Corporate Affairs, Qld, to the President, Queensland Justices' Association Inc., dated 28 July 1989.

Notice of meeting.

Profit and loss statement for the years ended 31 August 1983 to 31 August 1990.

Debate continued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

11 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

12 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

*Opposition—Resolution of censure:* Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Opposition for its hypocrisy on the issue of gold tax.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Baldwin	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Johns	Mr Sawford
Mr Beazley	Mr Elliott	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	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 Lee	Mr Snowdon
Dr Catley	Mr Grace*	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Hand	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Hawke	Mr Melham	Mr West
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Howe	Mr Newell	Mr H. F. Woods
Mrs Darling	Mr Hulls	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Neil	
Mr Duffy	Mr Jakobsen	Mr Price	
Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr Punch	

## NOES, 63

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

## \* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 69

Mr Baldwin	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Johns	Mr Sawford
Mr Beazley	Mr Elliott	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	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 Lee	Mr Snowdon
Dr Catley	Mr Grace*	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Hand	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
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Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
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Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	
Mr Cowan	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	

## \* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Questions without notice continued.

13 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 24 of 1990-91—  
Department of Veterans' Affairs—Transport services—Personnel and pay administration system.

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 Auditor-General's audit report No. 24 of 1990-91; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

**14 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Higher Education Council report, including the Board's comments—5th report on the operation of section 14 of the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988* and the Higher Education Contribution Scheme, dated April 1991.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—AIDC Ltd—Report for 1989-90.

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Risky business—The 37 000 kilometre challenge: 1st report on an inquiry into aspects of the Australian Customs Service—Government response.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1989-90.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—Racist violence: National inquiry into racist violence in Australia.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 7—Mining and minerals processing in Australia, dated 25 February 1991—

Volume 1—Report.

Volume 2—Commentary, statistics and analysis.

Volume 3—Issues in detail.

Volume 4—Other supporting material.

**15 FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1989-90.

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

**16 HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON RACIST VIOLENCE IN AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—Racist violence: National inquiry into racist violence in Australia.

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

**17 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for two months be given to Mr Gorman on the ground of ill health.

Question—put and passed.

**18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Reith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Treasurer explaining forthwith to this House his knowledge prior to the public announcement on 25 October 1987 of the attempt to rescue Rothwells Merchant Bank

and any involvement by him or others on his behalf in the attempted rescue, including details of all discussions:

- (1) between the Treasurer and Peter Beckwith and others associated with the rescue attempt;
- (2) between either the Treasurer or his staff and Treasury or Reserve Bank officials; and
- (3) between either the Treasurer or his staff and former Premier Burke, other West Australian ministers or their staff or officials.

*Closure of Member:* Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Johns	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Keating	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Ms Kelly	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr J. L. Scott
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Mr Chaney	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reid	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Reith	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Riggall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Rocher	
Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ronaldson	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia—seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member:* Mr Beazley moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

## The House divided (the Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 68

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Johns	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Keating	Mr Sawford
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Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ronaldson	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Closure:* Mr Beazley moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

## The House divided (the Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 68

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Johns	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sawford
Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Sciacca
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr J. L. Scott
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Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 61

Mr Anderson	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
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Mr Atkinson	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
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And so it was negatived.

## 19 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WA INC.:

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 need for the Prime Minister to give a

full and coherent account of his Government's involvement in WA Inc. which he has failed to give over the past six sitting days".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Hewson rising to address the House—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

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Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr J. L. Scott
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

**20 PRIVILEGE—ALLEGED INTIMIDATION OF WITNESS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES:** Mr Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised yesterday by Mr Smith, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, regarding an allegation that a person, Mr W. Willis, who had had a submission made on his behalf to the Committee's inquiry on corporate practices, had been subject to intimidatory threats in relation to the submission to the Committee.

Mr Speaker stated that, having examined the papers, he was satisfied that a *prima facie* case existed such as would warrant precedence being granted to a motion in respect of the matter.

Mr Lavarch (Chairman of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs) then moved—That the question of the possible intimidation of Mr W. Willis in respect of his involvement with the inquiry by the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs into corporate practices and the rights of shareholders be referred to the Committee of Privileges for consideration.

Question—put and passed.

**21 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr R. F. Edwards (Chairman) presented the following report:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 9 May 1991.

**22 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—8TH REPORT:** Mr Fitzgibbon (Acting Chairman) presented the following report:

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 8TH 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 14 March 1991, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for period 5 March to 30 June 1990.

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Reports—Inquiry into the death of—

Shane Kenneth Atkinson.

Faith Barnes.

Edward Frederick Betts.

Lloyd James Boney.

Edward Cameron.

Peter Leonard Campbell.

Dixon Green.

David John Gundy.

Keith Edward Karpany.

Perry Daniel Noble, Richard Frank (Charlie) Hyde and David Mark Koowootha.

Charlie Kulla Kulla.

Bruce Thomas Leslie.

Daniel Raymond Joseph Lorraway.

A man who died at Oodnadatta on 17 December 1983.

Bernard Albert McGrath.

Mark Anthony Quayle.

Vincent Roy Ryan.

Ginger Samson.

Maxwell Roy Saunders.

Ricci John Vicenti.

Roy Norman Walker.

Graham Trevor Walley.

Milton Wells.

Peter Wayne Williams.

Darren Steven Wouters.

The young man who died in custody at Geraldton on 31 December 1988.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Environmental Research in Australia: The issues, dated December 1990.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Reports—

Financing the Australian Capital Territory—4th Report (1991).

General Revenue Grant Relativities—1991 Update—

Volume I—Main Report.

Volume II—Appendices and Consultant's Report.

Criminology Research Act—Australian Institute of Criminology—Report for 1989-90.

*States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1988—Reports—*

Application of financial assistance granted to non-government schools in respect of 1989.

Financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 1989.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report pursuant to Division 2 of Part IX for 1989-90.

ERIC FITZGIBBON  
Acting Chairman

18 April 1991

Mr Fitzgibbon, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

23 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate, dated 17 April 1991, were reported:

(a) returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 203—Bounty (Citric Acid) 1991.

No. 204—Health Insurance (Pathology Services) Amendment 1991.

(b) acquainting the House of the appointment of the following Senators to the Joint Select Committee on Certain Aspects of the Operation and Interpretation of the Family Law Act, viz.: Senators Brownhill, Crowley, McKiernan, Reid and Spindler—Message No. 202.

(c) acquainting the House that Senator MacGibbon had been discharged from further attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization and that Senator Lewis had been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 205.

24 **SUPERANNUATION SUPERVISORY LEVY BILL 1991—SENATE'S REQUESTED AMENDMENT:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment requested by the Senate.

*In the committee*

**SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT**  
Clause 7, page 3, at end of clause add the following subclause:

“(2) Regulations shall not be made for the purposes of section 6 unless the Minister has consulted with the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia and the Life Insurance Federation of Australia and has had regard to the views (if any) expressed by those organisations.”.

Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the requested amendment be not made, but that, in place thereof, the Bill be amended as follows:

Clause 7, page 3, at the end of the clause add the following subclauses:

“(2) Before regulations are made for the purposes of section 6, the Commissioner must consult the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia, the Life Insurance Federation of Australia and such other persons as the Commissioner considers appropriate.

“(3) A failure to comply with subsection (2) does not affect the validity of the regulations.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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

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

\* 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.

25 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1990-91: 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 Downer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

26 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 4 and 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

27 SOCIAL SECURITY (JOB SEARCH AND NEWSTART) AMENDMENT BILL 1991: 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 security to provide for certain new allowances, 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 Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**28 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1991:** Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

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 Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**29 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953*.

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 Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**30 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1990-91:** 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.

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

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

**31 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 Tuesday, 7 May 1991, at 2 p.m.

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**ATTENDANCE:** All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Bilney, Mr Dawkins, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Gorman\*, Mr Holding, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Walker.

\* On leave

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**L. M. BARLIN**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives