

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 64

THURSDAY, 9 MAY 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.:
- Mr Baldwin, Mr Cobb, Mr Cowan, Mr Ferguson, Mr Free, Mr Hicks, Mr Howard, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Ruddock, Mr Sharp, Mr Simmons, Mr Tickner, Mr Webster, Mr West and Dr R. L. Woods, from 50, 45, 27, 89, 316, 54, 228, 54, 195, 3, 48, 76, 19, 25 and 76 petitioners, respectively, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and that the right to life of the unborn be protected.
- Mr Webster, from 832 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Anderson, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Howard and Mr Webster, from 3, 24, 18 and 6 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.
- Mrs Bailey and Mr Hawker, from 24 and 13 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Commonwealth Government retain responsibility for the Repatriation Hospital system.
- Mrs Bailey and Mr Reith, from 74 and 30 petitioners, respectively, praying that legislation preventing the right to advertise electoral material on radio and television be rejected.
- Mr Beale and Mr Webster, from 14 and 31 petitioners, respectively, 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.
- Dr R. L. Woods, from 44 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Ms Crawford and Mr Jull, from 24 and 32 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken to ban international sales of armaments and arms-related technology.
- Mr Wilson, from 22 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Cadman, from 80 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 38 petitioners, praying that any move to abolish political advertising be rejected and that public funding of political parties be abolished.

- Mr Campbell, from 32 petitioners, praying for an immediate ban on the export of merino rams and related genetic breeding material.
- Mr Campbell, from 21 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Cowan, from 844 electors of the Division of Lyne, praying that action be taken to ensure that television broadcasters provide an adequate and comprehensive service to the community.
- Mr Cowan, from 202 petitioners, praying that hearing appliances required by hearing impaired persons be exempt from sales tax.
- Ms Crawford, from 26 residents of Queensland, praying that the fire fighting service at Archerfield Airport, Qld, be retained.
- Mr Free, from 528 petitioners, praying that Mr Paul Attard not be deported.
- Mr Hawker, from 2860 petitioners, praying that the detrimental implications of the March 1991 industry statement for textile industries be recognised and that urgent action be taken to provide for the industries' long term viability.
- Mr Hawker, from 1237 electors of the Division of Wannon, praying that the incidence of crime and violence broadcast on television be reduced and tighter controls on the sale and classification of videos be introduced.
- Mr Hawker, from 38 petitioners, praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr Hawker, from 19 petitioners, praying that the funding of road works be given higher priority and certain other action be taken in relation to upgrading Australia's road network.
- Mr Lloyd, from 18 petitioners, praying that legislation preventing the right to advertise political material on radio and television be rejected.
- Mr Lloyd, from 14 petitioners, praying that reservations be made to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child prior to its ratification to protect the rights of parents in relation to their children.
- Mr A. A. Morris, from 103 petitioners, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and certain other action be taken to protect the right to life of the unborn.
- Mr Newell, from 253 petitioners, praying that action be taken to prevent further loss of life among the Kurdish people.
- Mr Price, from 128 parents and friends of the Yawarra Community and Child Care Centre Ltd, Bidwill, NSW, praying that certain action be taken to provide a bus to enable children to be transported to and from their homes and to be taken on excursions.
- Mr Snow, from 32 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to make the Kings Highway, NSW, eligible for federal funding.
- Dr R. L. Woods, from 24 petitioners, praying that the restructuring of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reconsidered.
- Dr R. L. Woods, from 18 petitioners, praying that the Therapeutic Goods Regulations be rejected and a public inquiry held into the registration of natural medicines.

Petitions received.

3 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—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 Mr Price—That the House take note of the report (*presented on 14 March 1991*), viz.:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Words at work: A report on literacy needs in the workplace—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, dated 7 March 1991—

Debate resumed.

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

- 4 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—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 Mr Price—That the House take note of the report (*presented on 11 April 1991*), viz.:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Student financial assistance—Report, dated March 1991—

Debate resumed.

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

- 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.

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

- 6 ABUSE OF THE KURDS IN IRAQ:** Mr Ruddock, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) deploras the appalling abuse of the Kurds in Iraq by Saddam Hussein and his military;
- (2) notes that the UN Security Council resolution on the ceasefire did not include provisions to protect minorities in Iraq;
- (3) regrets that the Australian Government failed to lobby for the inclusion of such provisions; and
- (4) urges the UN Security Council to take such action as is necessary to end this human tragedy.

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.

- 7 PACIFIC HIGHWAY FUNDING:** Mr Nehl, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House recognises the need for a special national priority in funding for the Pacific Highway.

Debate ensued.

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

- 8 DISPOSAL OF GLASS PRODUCTS:** Mr Scholes, pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) the disposal of glass products and non-biodegradable containers in national parks and other areas protected by Commonwealth law should be a specific offence if the materials are not placed in areas designated for their disposal;
- (2) persons convicted of committing such an offence should be liable to a penalty of not less than 8 hours supervised rubbish clearing in public areas or national parks which would not include time travelling to the designated area;

- (3) where the offence includes the deliberate breakage of glass products, the sentence should be a minimum of 24 hours actual time;
- (4) recurring offences after the initial conviction should attract a doubling of the penalty on each occasion; and
- (5) the House requests the Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories to take this matter up with State and Territory Ministers for the Environment in order that uniform legislation, particularly covering national parks and wilderness areas, can be enacted.

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 **ABORTION FUNDING ABOLITION BILL 1990:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—

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

Debate ensued.

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

- 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.

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

Sallyanne's slush fund—Copy of document headed Liberal Party of Australia, Queensland Division.

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 were asked.

- 13 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australian Education Council—National report on schooling in Australia—1989—

Report.

Statistical annex.

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

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 10—Statutory marketing arrangements for primary products, dated 26 March 1991.

- 14 **ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—ROYAL COMMISSION—REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) presented the following papers:

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Reports—

National report (Commissioner Elliott Johnston, QC)—Volumes 1 to 5. Regional report of inquiry in—

New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania (Commissioner the Hon. J. H. Wootten, AC, QC).

Queensland (Commissioner L. F. Wyvill, QC).

Regional report of inquiry into—

Individual deaths in custody in Western Australia (Commissioner the Hon. D. J. O’Dea)—Volumes 1 and 2.

Underlying issues in Western Australia (Commissioner P. L. Dodson)—Volumes 1 and 2.

Mr Tickner, by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the following reports of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody:

National report (Commissioner Elliott Johnston, QC)—
Volumes 1 to 5.

Regional report of inquiry in—

New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania (Commissioner the Hon. J. H. Wootten, AC, QC).

Queensland (Commissioner L. F. Wyvill, QC).

Regional report of inquiry into—

Individual deaths in custody in Western Australia (Commissioner the Hon. D. J. O’Dea)—Volumes 1 and 2.

Underlying issues in Western Australia (Commissioner P. L. Dodson)—Volumes 1 and 2.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Tickner, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the reports, and presented the following paper:

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Reports—Ministerial statement.

Mr Duffy (Attorney-General) moved—That the House take note of the papers. *Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr

Duffy, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Dr Wooldridge speaking for a period not exceeding 33 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY:

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 show leadership by taking urgent measures to correct the economic mistakes of his Treasurer which have seriously weakened the economy of Australia, as evidenced by today’s report of a substantial rise in unemployment”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Hewson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

16 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, 16 May 1991.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate did not press its request for an amendment, had agreed to the amendment made by the House in place thereof, and had agreed to the Bill:

8 May 1991—Message No. 208—Superannuation Supervisory Levy 1991.

18 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following report:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to the proposal for the construction of the Australian Embassy complex, Jakarta, Indonesia (4th report of 1991).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

19 PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991: Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to petroleum to apply the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax to petroleum recovered from the Bass Strait, and to provide for the wider deductibility of exploration expenditure, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Reith—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL 1991: Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business and Customs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*. Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

21 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

22 SOCIAL SECURITY (JOB SEARCH AND NEWSTART) 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 127, dated 18 April 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr Braithwaite, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 5, line 34, omit “12 months”, substitute “9 months”.

Page 6, lines 5 and 6, omit from the definition of “change day” “12 months”, substitute “9 months”.

Page 8, after proposed subsection 519 (1) insert the following subsection:

“(1A) Where:

- (a) a person disposed of liquid assets of the person within 3 months before lodging a claim for unemployment benefit or sickness benefit; and
- (b) the person received no consideration, or inadequate consideration, in money or money’s worth; and
- (c) apart from the disposition, this section would have applied to the person;

this section applies to the person as if the disposition had not been made.”.

Page 10, line 18, omit “12 months”, substitute “9 months”.

Page 11, line 15, omit “12 months”, substitute “9 months”.

Page 25, line 24, omit “12 months”, substitute “9 months”.

Page 31, after proposed section 542 insert the following section:

Requirement to attend for counselling

“542A. (1) Where a person is receiving a job search allowance, the Secretary must, on the expiration of 6 months from the day on which the person commenced receiving the allowance, notify the person in writing that he or she is required to attend an office of the Department or of the CES for the purpose of counselling and advice in respect of that person’s attempts to obtain employment.

(2) Where a person has received a notice under subsection (1) and has not, without good reason, within 14 days from the day on which the person was so notified, attended an office of the Department or the CES for counselling and advice, a person will cease to be qualified for a job search allowance until the person attends for counselling and advice.”.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 23 **POLITICAL BROADCASTS AND POLITICAL DISCLOSURES BILL 1991:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Act 1942*, the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, the *Radiocommunications Act 1983*, and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*, and for related purposes. Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Beazley 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.

- 24 **SOCIAL SECURITY (JOB SEARCH AND NEWSTART) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clause 7—

Debate resumed on the clause and the amendments moved by Mr Braithwaite (*see* entry No. 22).

Amendments negatived.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 25 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), by leave, moved—That standing order 103 (11 o’clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 26 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negatived.

- 27 **SOCIAL SECURITY (JOB SEARCH AND NEWSTART) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:**
The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clause 7—

Mr Braithwaite moved the following amendment: Pages 56-110, omit proposed Part 2.12.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr Braithwaite, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 56, lines 32 and 33, omit paragraph (h), substitute the following paragraph:

“(h) at the commencement of the period, the person has been receiving a job search allowance for not less than 9 months”.

Page 57, lines 5 and 6, omit “12 months”, substitute “9 months”.

Page 59, after proposed subsection 598 (1) insert the following subsection:

“(1A) Where:

- (a) a person disposed of liquid assets of the person within 3 months before lodging a claim for unemployment benefit or sickness benefit; and
- (b) the person received no consideration, or inadequate consideration, in money or money's worth; and
- (c) apart from the disposition, this section would have applied to the person;

this section applies to the person as if the disposition had not been made.”.

Page 61, lines 12-26, omit proposed subsections 599 (2) and (3).

Page 65, line 11, at the end of proposed subsection 605 (1) add the following words: “within 8 weeks of the person having commenced to receive a newstart allowance”.

Page 66, line 25, omit “the Secretary is satisfied, because of the person's failure to”, substitute “because of the person's failure, without good reason to”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr Braithwaite moved the following amendment: Page 110, lines 9 and 10, omit subparagraph (ii), substitute the following subparagraph:

“(ii) the person had been receiving job search allowance or newstart allowance benefits for a total period of at least 12 months.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 12, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

New clauses—

On the motion of Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), by leave, the following new clauses were together inserted in the Bill:

Application of Part

“12A. Section 1245 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting ‘including a rate of return decision’ and substituting:

‘including:

- (a) a rate of return decision; and
- (b) a decision under section 606 to the extent that it relates to the terms of a Newstart Activity Agreement that is in force’.

Application requirement for certain decisions

“12B. Section 1248 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

‘(2) The Social Security Appeals Tribunal may only review a decision under section 606 (to the extent that it relates to the terms of a Newstart Activity Agreement that is in force) where the application is expressed to be an application for review of that decision.’”.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Clause 13—

On the motion of Mr Sciacca, the following amendment was made: Page 112, lines 33-35, omit proposed paragraph (ca).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15—

On the motion of Mr Sciacca, the clause was omitted, and the following clauses substituted:

SSAT review powers (decisions other than rate of return decisions and Newstart Activity Agreement decisions)

“15. Section 1253 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1) ‘rate of return decision’ and substituting ‘decision referred to in subsection (7)’;
- (b) by adding at the end the following subsection:

‘(7) This section does not apply to:

- (a) a rate of return decision; or
- (b) a decision under section 606 to the extent that it relates to the terms of a Newstart Activity Agreement that is in force.’.

“15A. After section 1254 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

SSAT review powers (Newstart Activity Agreement decision)

‘1254A. If a person applies to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT) for review of a decision under section 606 to the extent that it relates to the terms of a Newstart Activity Agreement that is in force, the SSAT must:

- (a) affirm the decision; or
- (b) set aside the decision and send the matter back to the Secretary for reconsideration in accordance with any recommendations of the Tribunal.’.

Date of effect of SSAT decisions (other than rate of return decisions and Newstart Activity Agreement decisions)

“15B. Section 1255 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (6) and substituting the following subsection:

‘(6) This section does not apply to:

- (a) a rate of return decision; or
- (b) a decision under section 606 to the extent that it relates to the terms of a Newstart Activity Agreement that is in force.’.

“15C. After section 1256 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Date of effect of SSAT decision (Newstart Activity Agreement decision)

‘1256A. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a decision by the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT) comes into operation immediately on the giving of the decision.

‘(2) The SSAT may specify in a decision that the decision is not to come into operation until a later day specified in the decision and if it does so the decision comes into operation on that later day.’”.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sciacca, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 28 **SOCIAL SECURITY 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 128, dated 20 March 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), the following amendment was made: Page 2, line 37, omit “\$10,000”, substitute “\$5,000”.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 18, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sciacca, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 29 **SOCIAL SECURITY (REWRITE) TRANSITION 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. 129, dated 20 March 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 Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

- 30 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.
And then the House, at 11.30 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 May 1991:

Public Service Act—Determinations—1991—Nos. 140, 141, 142, 144, 145, 146, LES 8, LES 9, LES 10.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Gorman*, Mr Hand, Mr Langmore, Mr Lee, Mr McLachlan, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Walker.

* On leave

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives