

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 102

TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1991

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Duffy (Attorney-General), Senator Tate (Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs) was acting as Attorney-General and questions in this House concerning the portfolio would be answered by Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy).

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice having been called on—

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 responding forthwith to the Coalition's "Fightback" program.

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)—

AYES, 67

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

NOES, 59

Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Beale	Mr Filing	Mr Mack	Mr Sharp
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson	Mr Nugent	Mr Tuckey
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Riggall	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia—second) 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)—

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Mr Bilney	Mr Gibson	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Dr Blewett	Mr Gorman	Mr Kerr	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Breerton	Mr Grace*	Mr Lavarch	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Mr Courtice	Mr Hawke	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Walker
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr West
Mr Dubois	Mr Hulls	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr Newell	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Elliott	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Neil	

NOES, 59

Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Beale	Mr Filing	Mr Mack	Mr Sharp
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
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Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Riggall	

* Tellers

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)—

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Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Johns	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keating	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Free	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Mr Gibson	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Dr Blewett	Mr Gorman	Mr Kerr	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Grace*	Mr Lavarch	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
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Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Walker
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Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
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Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Riggall	

* Tellers

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, 60

Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Beale	Mr Filing	Mr Mack	Mr Shack
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Sinclair
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reid	Mr Wilson
Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Reith	Dr R. L. Woods
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Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keating	Mr Sawford*
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Mr Bilney	Mr Gibson	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Dr Blewett	Mr Gorman	Mr Kerr	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Grace*	Mr Lavarch	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Mr Courtice	Mr Hawke	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Walker
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr West
Mr Dubois	Mr Hulls	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr Newell	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Elliott	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Neil	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved: Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith: “That this House censures the Prime Minister for:

- (1) his Government's failure to allow debate at the first opportunity of the 'Fightback' tax reform package and its benefits for Australia, specifically:
 - (a) the lowering of personal income tax rates so that 95 out of 100 Australians will not pay more than 30 cents in the dollar;
 - (b) the lifting of \$20 billion in taxes off Australian business, thus providing an enormous boost to Australia's international competitiveness;
 - (c) the generation of two million jobs for Australians during the 1990s;
 - (d) the reduction of Australia's unsupportable public and foreign debt;
 - (e) the more than full compensation of Australians, particularly the aged, for the one-off price effect of the GST of 4.4 per cent; and
- (2) deliberately misleading the Australian people over the effect of the tax package on petrol prices.”.

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, 69

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

NOES, 63

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Reith (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)—

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Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Johns	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mr Jones	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Mr Free	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Gibson	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Gorman	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace*	Mr Lee	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Courtice	Mr Hawke	Mr Martin	Mr Walker
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr West
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr H. F. Woods
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Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil	
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Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr B. C. Scott
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Filing	Mr Mack	Mr Sharp
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Burr	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Riggall	

* Tellers

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)—

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Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Johns	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mr Jones	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Mr Free	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Gibson	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Gorman	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
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Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
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Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr West
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dubois	Mr Hulls	Mr Newell	Mr Wright
Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil	
Mr Elliott	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	

NOES, 63

Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr B. C. Scott
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Filing	Mr Mack	Mr Sharp
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Burr	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Nugent	Mr Tuckey
Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
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Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Riggall	

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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, 62

Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	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
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Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Riggall	
Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Ronaldson	

NOES, 70

Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Johns	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keating	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Free	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Dr Blewett	Mr Gibson	Mr Kerr	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Gorman	Mr Lavarch	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace*	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
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Mr Courtice	Mr Hawke	Mr Mack	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Walker
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr West
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dubois	Mr Hulls	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr Newell	Mr Wright
Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Elliott	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Neil	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Papers: Dr Hewson, by leave, presented the following papers:

Fightback!: The way to rebuild and reward Australia—Liberal and National Parties' program, 21 November 1991—

It's your Australia—Policy overview.

Summary.

Supplementary papers.

Taxation and expenditure reform for jobs and growth.

Order form.

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:

Fuel payments and road use charges—Copies of tables (2) prepared by Inter-State Commission.

Questions without notice continued.

Paper: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources) presented the following paper:

Fuel prices—Effect of GST on fuel prices to transporters—Table attached to press release issued by Mr Hawker, MP.

Questions without notice continued.

Member named and suspended: The Speaker named the honourable Member for Corinella (Mr Broadbent) for continuing to interject after having been warned by the Chair.

Mr Beazley moved—That the honourable Member for Corinella be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 70

Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Johns	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keating	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Free	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Dr Blewett	Mr Gibson	Mr Kerr	Mr J. L. Scott
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Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr Newell	Mr Wright
Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Elliott	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Neil	

NOES, 61

Mr Aldred	Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Shack
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mrs Bailey	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
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Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr Burr	Mr Ford	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nugent	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Goodluck	Mr Peacock	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	
Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Reith	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.41 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber. Questions without notice continued.

- 4 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 12 of 1991-92—Project Audit—Department of Employment, Education and Training: Management of information technology.

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. 12 of 1991-92; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

- 5 **PAPER:** The 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 for 1990-91.

- 6 **PAPER—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:** The Speaker presented the following paper:

Department of the House of Representatives—Corporate plan—1991-93—

and made a statement in connection with the paper.

- 7 **PAPERS:** The Speaker presented the following papers:

Public Service Act—

Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Report for 1990-91.

Joint House Department—Report for 1990-91.

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

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1990-91.

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—Affirmative Action Agency—Report for 1990-91.

ANL Act—ANL Limited—Report for 1990-91.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School Act—Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 1990-91.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report for 1990-91.

- Australian Sports Drug Agency Act—Australian Sport and Drug Agency—
Operational plan—1991-92.
Strategic plan—1992-94.
- Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Authority—Report for 1990-91.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—
58th Report, for 1990-91.
- Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1990-91.
- Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Department of Health,
Housing and Community Services—Report, October 1991.
- Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal
employment opportunity program—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories
Limited—Report for 1990-91.
- Girls in schools 4—Report on the national policy for the education of girls
in Australian schools by Department of Employment, Education and
Training, November 1991.
- Integrating forestry and farming: Commercial wood production on cleared
agricultural land—Report of the National Plantations Advisory Committee,
November 1991.
- National Gallery Act—Australian National Gallery—Report for 1990-91.
- Nursing home and hostel standards—Lists of monitoring reports published
between 1 August and 31 October 1991.
- Parliamentary Counsel Act—Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for
1990-91.
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 1990-91.
- Political exchange program—Australian Political Exchange Committee—Report
for 1990-91.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Dairy
Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1990-91.
- Public Service Act—Department of Health, Housing and Community
Services—Report, including a report on the administration and operation
of the First Home Owners Act and information on the transfer of nursing
education pursuant to the States Grants (Nurse Education Transfer
Assistance) Act, for 1990-91.
- Resource Assessment Commission Act—Resource Assessment Commission—
Report for 1990-91.

**9 NURSING HOME AND HOSTEL STANDARDS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE
NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the
House take note of the following paper:

Nursing home and hostel standards—Lists of monitoring reports published
between 1 August and 31 October 1991.

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

10 DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:
Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of
the following paper:

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Department of Health,
Housing and Community Services—Report, October 1991.

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

11 GIRLS IN SCHOOLS 4—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:
Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of
the following paper:

Girls in schools 4—Report on the national policy for the education of
girls in Australian schools by Department of Employment, Education and
Training, November 1991.

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

- 12 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AGENCY—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** 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 report for 1990-91 of the Affirmative Action Agency.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **AUSTRALIAN QUARANTINE AND INSPECTION SERVICE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the organisational form and management arrangements of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, and presented the following paper:

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service: The next five years—
Ministerial statement.

Mr Free (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extended time for speech:

Mr Free, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) speaking for a period not exceeding 31 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Lloyd addressed the House.

Debate adjourned (Mr T. A. Fischer—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—“FIGHTBACK” PROGRAM:** The House was informed that Mr Reith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The urgent necessity for the Government to embrace the sweeping reforms released last week in the Coalition’s ‘Fightback’ program”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Reith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

14 November 1991—Message—

No. 337—States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

No. 338—Higher Education Funding Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

No. 339—States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment 1991.

- 16 **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:

14 November 1991—Message No. 213—Rice Levy 1991.

20 November 1991—Message No. 214—

Hearing Services 1991.

States Grants (General Purposes) 1991.

Health Insurance Amendment 1991.

Health Insurance Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

25 November 1991—Message—

No. 215—

Arts, Sport, Environment, Tourism and Territories Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

Special Broadcasting Service 1991.

No. 216—

Copyright Amendment 1991.

Social Security Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 1991.

States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

Higher Education Funding Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment 1991.

No. 217—Transport and Communications Legislation Amendment 1991.

17 FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA 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.

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

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

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Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mrs Bailey	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradford	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ford	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Carlton	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Chaney	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr Charles	Mr Halverson	Mr Reid	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Riggall	
Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—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.

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

Clause 3—

Pages 2 and 3, omit proposed section 33C, substitute the following section:

Commencement of proceedings

“33C. (1) Subject to this Part, where:

- (a) 7 or more persons have claims against the same person; and
- (b) the claims of all those persons are in respect of, or arise out of, the same or substantially the same circumstances; and
- (c) the claims of all those persons give rise to common issues of law or fact;

a proceeding may be commenced by one or more of those persons as representing some or all of them.

“(2) A representative proceeding may be commenced:

- (a) whether or not the relief sought:
 - (i) is, or includes, equitable relief; or
 - (ii) consists of, or includes, damages; or
 - (iii) includes claims for damages that would require individual assessment;

providing that the form of relief sought is the same for each person represented; and

- (b) whether or not the proceeding:
 - (i) is concerned with separate contracts or transactions between the respondent in the proceeding and individual group members; or
 - (ii) involves separate acts or omissions of the respondent done or omitted to be done in relation to individual group members.

“(3) Where a representative proceeding is commenced the group members shall be jointly and severally liable to the respondent for any award of costs made by the Court to the respondent.

“(4) Where a representative proceeding is commenced the Court may, on the application of the respondent to the proceeding, order that the representative party or the group members shall provide security for the costs of the respondent and that the proceedings as against that respondent be stayed until the security is given.”

Page 3, omit proposed section 33E, substitute the following section:

Consent required to be a group member

“33E. (1) All persons being represented in a representative proceeding:

- (a) must, before the commencement of the proceeding, have consented in writing to being represented; and
- (b) must be named in the process by which the proceeding is commenced.

“(2) The written consents referred to in subsection (1)(a) must be filed in the Court at the same time as the process by which the proceeding is commenced is filed in the Court.

“(3) Where, after the commencement of a representative proceeding, a person:

- (a) has a claim against the respondent to the proceeding; and
- (b) the claim is in respect of, or arises out of, the same or substantially the same circumstances as the claims of the group members; and

(c) the claim gives rise to an issue of fact or law that is common to the claims of the group members;
that person may become a group member represented in the proceeding with the leave of the Court and the consent in writing of that person.”.

Page 4, omit proposed section 33H, substitute the following section:

Originating process

“‘33H. An application commencing a representative proceeding, or a document originating a proceeding in the Court, must, in addition to any other matters required to be included:

- (a) name the group members to whom the proceeding relates; and
- (b) specify the nature of the claims made on behalf of group members; and
- (c) specify the relief claimed; and
- (d) specify the questions of law or fact common to the claims of the group members.”.

Page 4, omit proposed section 33J, substitute the following section:

Right of group member to withdraw consent

“‘33J. The Court may, on application by a group member, by order:

- (a) direct that the consent of that group member to being represented in the proceedings be withdrawn; and
- (b) direct that the withdrawing group member contribute to costs incurred by the representative party prior to the consent of the group member being withdrawn.”.

Pages 4 and 5, omit proposed section 33K.

Page 5, omit proposed section 33L, substitute the following section:

Situation where fewer than 7 group members

“‘33L. If, at any stage of a representative proceeding, it appears likely to the Court that there are fewer than seven group members, the Court may, on such conditions as it thinks fit, order that the proceeding no longer continue under this Part.”.

Page 5, omit proposed section 33M.

Pages 5 and 6, omit proposed section 33N.

Page 6, omit proposed section 33P, substitute the following section:

Consequences of order that proceeding not continue under this Part

“‘33P. Where the Court makes an order under section 33L that a proceeding no longer continue under this Part the proceeding may be continued as a proceeding by the representative party on his or her own behalf against the respondent.”.

Page 7, omit proposed section 33T, substitute the following section:

Adequacy of representation

“‘33T. (1) Where a group member considers that a representative party is not able adequately to represent the interests of the group members, that group member may, with the consent in writing of all other group members not including the representative party, substitute another group member as representative party.

(2) Where a sub-group member considers that a sub-group representative party is not able adequately to represent the interests of the sub-group members, that sub-group member may, with the consent in writing of all other sub-group members not including the sub-group representative party, substitute another sub-group member as the sub-group representative party.”.

Page 7, omit proposed section 33V, substitute the following section:

Settlement of representative proceedings

“33V. Where a representative proceeding is settled or discontinued by the parties the Court may make such orders as are just with respect to the distribution of any money paid under a settlement or paid into the Court.”

Pages 7 and 8, omit proposed section 33W, substitute the following section:

Settlement of individual claims

“33W. A representative party shall not settle his or her individual claim in whole or in part at any stage of the representative proceeding.”

Pages 8 and 9, omit proposed section 33X, substitute the following section:

Notice to be given of certain matters

“33X. (1) Notice must be given to group members of an application by the respondent in the representative proceeding for the dismissal of the proceeding on the ground of want of prosecution.

(2) The Court may, at any stage, order that notice of any matter be given to a group member or group members.”

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mrs Sullivan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Selection Committee—Amended report relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 28 November 1991—

and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 14 November 1991.

Question—put and passed.

19 **THE ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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 Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 14 November 1991*), viz.:

The economy and employment—Ministerial statement, 14 November 1991—

Debate resumed.

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

20 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 November 1991:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 340.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for the collection of information—1991—

No. 21—Survey of manufacturing technology.

No. 22—Survey of mining technology.

No. 23—Survey of foreign investment—Supplementary collection on the valuation of non-equity securities.

No. 24—Time use survey.

No. 25—Survey of families in Australia.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders—1991—

No. M46/91—1992 Performance.

No. MQ38/91—High quality beef exports to the EC.

No. MQ39/91—Sheepmeat and goatmeat exports to the EC.

No. MQ40/91—Buffalo meat exports to the EC.

Australian National Maritime Museum Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 348.

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statements of disclosure of information—1991—

No. 3—List of names and addresses of agricultural establishments for Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation.

No. 4—List of names and addresses of agricultural establishments for Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

40—Amendment, 21 November 1991.

92—Amendment, 21 November 1991.

105—Amendments, 12 (2) and 15 November 1991.

106—Amendment, 12 November 1991.

107—Amendment, 12 November 1991.

Exemption under regulation 308, 20 November 1991.

Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 341.

Currency Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 350.

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—1991—No. 105.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Livestock Export Orders—1991—No. 2.

Fisheries Act—

Notices—1991—Nos. SSF 3, SSF 4, ORF 20.

Plans of Management—1991—Nos. NPF 8, NPF 9.

Health Insurance Act—Revocation pursuant to subsection 23DN(6), 29 October 1991.

Interstate Road Transport Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 343.

Interstate Road Transport Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 344.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 342, 349.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Road Vehicle (National Standards) Determination—1991—No. 3.

National Health Act—

Determinations—1991—Nos. BIT 17, BIT 18, BIT 19.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 339.

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts shall come into operation—

Interstate Road Transport Amendment Act 1991—15 November 1991.

- Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Act 1991*—15 November 1991.
- Public Service Act—Determinations—1991—Nos. 264, 270, 272, 277, 278, 280, 290, 292, 293.
- Radiocommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 346, 360.
- Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 345.
- Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 361.
- Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 347, 362.
- Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1991/18—Director of Public Prosecutions and holders of public offices on other bodies.
- Supported Accommodation Assistance Act—Variation agreement in relation to the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program between the Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory, 16 October 1991.
- Telecommunications Act 1991*—
- Declarations under section 64—Nos. GCL 1/1991, GCL 2/1991, MCL 1/1991, MCL 2/1991.
- Determination under subsection 140(1)—1991—No. 1.
- Directions pursuant to subsections—
- 204(1)—1991—No. 1.
- 250(2)—1991—No. 1.
- 244(1)—1991—No. 1.
- Licences (4) to operate as general telecommunications carriers.
- Licences (3) to operate as public mobile carriers.
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 356, 357.
- Telecommunications (Application Fees) Act 1991*—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 359.
- Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Fees) Act*—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 358.
- Treaties—Text of—
- Which have been signed for Australia but requiring further action before entering into force for Australia*—
- (1) Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, done at Madrid on 4 October 1991.
 - (2) Agreement establishing the South Pacific Forum Secretariat, done at Pohnpei on 29 July 1991.
 - (3) Double Taxation Agreement with India, done at Canberra on 25 July 1991.
 - (4) Investment Protection Agreement with Hungary, done at Budapest on 15 August 1991.
 - (5) Investment Protection Agreement with Czechoslovakia, done at Canberra on 29 July 1991.
 - (6) Double Taxation Agreement with Poland, done at Canberra on 7 May 1991.
 - (7) Consular Relations with Poland, done at Canberra on 7 May 1991.
 - (8) With Mexico on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, done at Guadalajara on 6 May 1991.
 - (9) Investment Protection Agreement with Poland, done at Canberra on 7 May 1991.
 - (10) Social Security Agreement with Portugal, done at Lisbon on 30 April 1991.

Which have been signed for Australia and which have entered into force—

- (11) Agreement with the United States of America concerning Sensor Fusion System Development, done at Washington on 14 June 1991. Entry into force 14 June 1991.
- (12) Development Cooperation Agreement with Pakistan, done at Islamabad on 13 July 1991. Entry into force 13 July 1991.
- (13) Agreement on a Comprehensive Political Settlement of the Cambodia Conflict, done at Paris on 23 October 1991. Entry into force 23 October 1991.
- (14) Agreement concerning the Sovereignty, Independence, Territorial Integrity and Inviolability, Neutrality and National Unity of Cambodia, done at Paris on 23 October 1991. Entry into force 23 October 1991.
- (15) Agreement with New Zealand concerning the Establishment of the Council of the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ), done at Canberra on 30 October 1991. Entry into force 30 October 1991.

Which has been signed and ratified by Australia—

- (16) Convention on the Law Applicable to Trusts and on their Recognition, done at The Hague on 1 July 1985. Signed for and ratified by Australia on 17 October 1991. Entry into force generally on 1 January 1992.

Which have been acceded to, or accepted for, Australia—

- (17) (First) Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, done at New York on 19 December 1966. Acceded to by Australia on 25 September 1991 with effect from 25 December 1991.
- (18) Third Amendment of the Articles of the International Monetary Fund, done at Washington on 28 June 1990. Accepted by Australia on 26 July 1991. The amendment is not yet in force.
- (19) Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, done at Bonn on 23 June 1979. Acceded to by Australia on 26 June 1991 with effect from 1 September 1991.
- (20) Letter of Notification of Association with the International COSPAS - SARSAT Program as a Ground Segment Provider, done at Paris on 1 July 1988. Australian letter of association deposited on 23 May 1991 with effect from 22 June 1991.
- (21) International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, done at Geneva on 3 November 1989. Instrument of accession deposited for Australia on 25 October 1991 with effect from that date.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Cameron, Dr Catley, Mrs Darling*, Mr Duffy, Mr Gear*, Mr Langmore, Mr Rocher*, Mr Simmons, Mr Taylor and Dr Theophanous.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives