

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 108

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 1992

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **COARSE GRAINS LEVY BILL 1992:** Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on certain coarse grain produced in Australia.
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 (Dr Kemp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 3 **COARSE GRAINS LEVY (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1992:** Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to enact certain saving provisions, and to repeal certain Acts and to amend the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991*, in consequence of the enactment of the *Coarse Grains Levy Act 1992*, and for related purposes.
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 (Dr Kemp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 4 **DEER SLAUGHTER LEVY BILL 1992:** Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on the slaughter of deer.
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 following Bills:
Deer Slaughter Levy 1992.
Deer Export Charge 1992.
Deer Velvet Levy 1992.
Deer Velvet Export Charge 1992.
Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment 1992.
Debate adjourned (Dr Kemp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 5 **DEER VELVET LEVY BILL 1992:** Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on the sale of deer velvet or the use of deer velvet in the production of other goods.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 6 **DEER VELVET EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1992:** Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge on the export of deer velvet.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 7 **DEER EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1992:** Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge on the export of deer.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEVIES AND CHARGES COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 **MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN BUSINESS REGULATION BILL 1992:** Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to enable certain Commonwealth business-regulating authorities to provide assistance to certain foreign business-regulating authorities or agencies, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 10 **CORPORATIONS LEGISLATION (EVIDENCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Securities Commission Act 1989*, and to change the Corporations Law, in relation to the privilege against self-incrimination.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 11 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1992:** Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts administered by the Attorney-General relating to law and justice and other matters, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Duncan 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.

- 12 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES CENTRES, BRISBANE AND MELBOURNE:** Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Air traffic services centres at Brisbane and Melbourne.

Mr Beddall presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 (1992).

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

- 14 **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to Customs and Excise, and for related purposes.

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

- 15 **TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain laws relating to transport and communications, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Duncan 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.

- 16 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), for Mr Beazley (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to defence, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Duncan 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.

- 17 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Prime Minister making a statement at 7.30 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 18 **PRINT MEDIA—SELECT COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the

time for bringing up the report of the Select Committee on the Print Media be extended to 26 March 1992.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

19 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 9, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

20 **ARTS, SPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND TERRITORIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—Debate resumed.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Chaney, the following amendment was made, after debate: Schedule, page 2, proposed subsection 20A(2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*, omit “Minister must, in writing, direct the Authority:”, substitute “Minister, after consultation with the Executive, must give a written direction to the Authority:”.

On the motion of Ms Fatin (Minister for the Arts and Territories), by leave, the following further amendments were made together, after debate:

Schedule—

Page 2, proposed paragraph 53(2)(a) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*, omit “for the granting of approvals by the Authority”, substitute “in relation to proposals submitted to the Authority for approval”.

Page 2, proposed paragraph 53(3)(a) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*, omit “granting the approval”, substitute “connection with the proposal”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

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

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

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Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Motion of censure of Prime Minister: 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 deliberately misleading the House on the effect of the Coalition’s “Fightback” package.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Prime Minister—Motion of censure: Dr Hewson moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for deliberately misleading the House on the effect of the Coalition’s “Fightback” package.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) 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, 70

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

NOES, 65

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

* 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, 64

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

NOES, 71

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

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

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 18 of 1991-92—Efficiency audit—Department of Defence: Management of Australian purchases under the United States Foreign Military Sales Program (FMS).

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statements for December 1991 and January 1992.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during December 1991 and January 1992.

Bureau of Tourism Research—Reports for—
1989-90.

1990-91.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—

Cotton Research and Development Corporation—1st report, for period October 1990 to June 1991, including the final report of the Cotton Research Council, for period 1 July to 30 September 1990, and the 1990-91 report of the Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.

Tobacco Research and Development Council—Report, for 1990-91, including the final report of the Tobacco Research Council, for July 1990, and the 1990-91 report of the Tobacco Research and Development Council Selection Committee.

24 **PRIVILEGE—POSSIBLE INTIMIDATION OF MEMBER—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES:** The Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised yesterday by Mr Nugent, concerning a letter he had received from Dwyer and Company, Solicitors, which he believed was an attempt to intimidate him.

The Speaker stated that, whilst he was unaware of any exact precedent, there were precedents for the House referring to the Committee of Privileges actions which have been seen as possibly threatening the ability of Members to perform their functions free from improper interference or obstruction, and, in the circumstances, he was prepared to allow precedence to a motion in respect of the matter.

Mr Nugent then moved—That the matter of the letter dated 13 February 1992 from Dwyer and Company, Solicitors, of 344 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, to the Member for Aston be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Question—put and passed.

- 25 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY:** 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, “In the circumstances of the worst recession in sixty years, the need for the Government to provide an honest assessment of the parlous state of the Australian economy”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Reith rising to address the House—

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

Question—put and passed.

- 26 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SELF-GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991—SENATE'S AMENDMENT:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment made by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

After clause 11, page 4, insert the following clause:

Registration of political parties

“11A. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

‘(3) The Electoral Commission shall refuse an application for the registration of a political party if, in its opinion, the name of the party or the abbreviation of its name that it wishes to be able to use for the purposes of this Act:

(a) is frivolous or vexatious; or

(b) is mischievous or is likely to deceive, mislead or confuse.’”.

On the motion of Ms Fatin (Minister for the Arts and Territories), the amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Dubois reported accordingly.

On the motion of Ms Fatin, the House adopted the report.

- 27 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 28 DEFENCE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 30 May 1991*), viz.:
 Defence Communications—Corporate plan—1991-2001.
 Defence Force and the community—Report of the Interdepartmental Committee (IDC) on the Wrigley Review, dated May 1991.

Defence into the 21st century—Ministerial statement.

Department of Defence—Report to the Minister, dated May 1991—

Force structure review.

Ready reserve program—

Debate resumed.

Mr Price (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 29 **ONE NATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Keating (Prime Minister) made a ministerial statement concerning economic measures and presented the following papers:

One Nation—

Ministerial statement, 26 February 1992.

Statement, 26 February 1992.

and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition speaking for a period not exceeding 27 minutes when the debate is resumed at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 27 February 1992.

Question—put and passed.

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

- 30 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1991-92—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1991-92:** Message No. 236, dated 26 February 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

(a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1992; and

(b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1991-92*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1992, and for related purposes.

Mr Willis (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1991-92*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1992, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 31 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1991-92—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1991-92:** Message No. 237, dated 26 February 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

(a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1992; and

(b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation

of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1991-92*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1992, and for related purposes.

Mr Willis (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1991-92*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1992, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

32 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS FOR YEAR 1991-92—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1991-92: Message No. 238, dated 26 February 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

(a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in relation to the Parliamentary Departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1992; and

(b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1991-92*, for certain expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1992, and for related purposes.

Mr Willis (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1991-92*, for certain expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1992, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

33 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991* and the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

34 SALES TAX LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1992: Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to sales tax, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

35 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.20 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 February 1992:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders—1992—Nos. MQ42/92 and M48/92.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—1992—

No. T10—Grants for expenditure for operating purposes (Distance Education Centres).

Nos. T11, T12—Grants for expenditure for operating purposes.

Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1992—

No. 2—Marine, Part 26.

No. 3—Marine, Part 6.

No. 4—Marine, Part 26.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Bailey, Mr Bilney, Mr Carlton, Mr Hollis, Mr Kerin, Mr Sciacca, Mr Snowdon and Mr Tuckey.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives