

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 122

WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 1992

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **TELEVISIONING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—STANDING COMMITTEE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Jull, by leave, made a statement concerning a determination by the Standing Committee on Televising of the House of Representatives relating to a breach of conditions applying to television broadcasts of the House of Representatives and the penalty to apply.
- 3 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
28 April 1992—Message No. 406—Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1992.
- 5 **NATIONAL RAIL CORPORATION AGREEMENT BILL 1992:** 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.
Ordered—That Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport) be granted an extension of time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr R. J. Brown, the Bill was read a third time.
- 6 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 7 **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL 1992:** 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.
It being approximately 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

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

Paper: Mr Fife, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Keating (Prime Minister)—

Mr Keating laid upon the Table the following paper:

Directorship of 2HD Broadcasters Pty Ltd and declaration of pecuniary interests—Copy of letter from Senator Graham Richardson, Minister for Transport and Communications, to the Hon. P. J. Keating, Prime Minister, 29 April 1992, together with attachments (2).

Questions without notice continued.

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

Audit Act—Defence Science and Technology Organisation Commercial Activities Trust Account—Report for 1990-91.

Australian Education Council—National report on schooling in Australia—1990—

Report.

Statistical annex.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 19—Australian Sugar Industry, 6 March 1992.

National Common Police Services—Australian Police Ministers' Council—Report for 1990-91.

10 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

SYSTEM: The House was informed that Mr Howard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The continued domination of Australia's industrial relations system by the ACTU as exemplified by Mr Ken Turbet's resignation from the Australian Industrial Relations Commission".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 **DEPUTY SPEAKER'S RULING—DISSENT FROM RULING MOVED:** The Deputy

Speaker having called the Clerk to call on the next item of business and several Members having raised points of order that the Leader of the Opposition had sought the call—

Deputy Speaker's ruling: The Deputy Speaker (Mr R. F. Edwards) ruled that, as the next item of business had been called on, the Leader of the Opposition was not entitled to the call.

Dissent from ruling moved: Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

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 Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Hulls	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mr Johns	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Jones	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Brereton	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 Snowdon
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Gibson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Courtice	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Ms Crawford	Mr Grace*	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
Mr Crean	Mr Griffiths	Mr Melham	Mr Walker
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hand	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr West
Mrs Darling	Mr Holding	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Hollis	Mr Newell	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dubois	Mr Howe	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright

NOES, 68

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Riggall
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	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 Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Cameron	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 Cleary	Dr Hewson	Mr Reid	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

The numbers for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" being equal, the Deputy Speaker, in order to permit the continuation of the debate, gave his casting vote with the "Noes".

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 65

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

NOES, 72

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Hulls	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Bevis	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Sawford
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Brereton	Mr Ferguson	Mr Keating	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Dr Catley	Mr Gayler	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Gear*	Mr Lee	Mr Snowden
Mr Cleary	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 Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dubois	Mr Howe	Mr Newell	Mr Wright

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 12 **CSIRO REDEVELOPMENT, NORTH RYDE, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK:** 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: CSIRO redevelopment, North Ryde, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **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 the Prime Minister provide a full explanation to the House as to why he has failed to discipline the Minister for Transport and Communications for a clear breach of his responsibilities as a Minister to disclose his personal interests.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 64

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Riggall
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Rocher
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mrs Bailey	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	Mr Ford	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Nugent	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	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

NOES, 70

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mr Jones	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Keating	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Gayler	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Dr Catley	Mr Gear*	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
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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 Holding	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dawkins	Mr Hollis	Mr Newell	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mr Howe	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Duffy	Mr Hulls	Mr O'Neil	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 14 **DISCLOSURE BY SENATE MINISTER AND SENATE RECORDS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:** The Speaker made a statement on a request, made earlier in the day by Mr Sinclair, to ascertain from the President of the Senate whether there was a possible conflict in the failure of the Minister for Transport and Communications to disclose certain interests and the Minister's vote in Senate proceedings. The Speaker stated that it would be improper for him to do what Mr Sinclair had asked.
- 15 **CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES, EAST BURWOOD, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK:** 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a new permanent repository for Australian Archives, East Burwood, Vic.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 16 **INSTALLATION OF FIRE SPRINKLERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL BUILDING, SYDNEY (KINGSFORD-SMITH) AIRPORT—APPROVAL OF WORK:** 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Installation of fire sprinklers to the International Terminal Building, Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 17 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 407, dated 29 April 1992, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Bourne had been discharged from further attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Migration Regulations.
- 18 **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL 1992:** 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. 255, dated 6 March 1992, 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 Martin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 **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, 30 April 1992—
and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 2 April 1992.
Question—put and passed.

- 20 **CRIMES (TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES) AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** 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 having been resumed by Mr Peacock—
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- 21 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.
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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 April 1992:

- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 107.
 - Australian Wool Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 114.
 - Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 117.
 - International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 110.
 - Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, Nos. 112, 113.
 - Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 115.
 - Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act, Horticultural Levy Act and Horticultural Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 116.
 - Public Works Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 108.
 - Superannuation Act 1976*—Declaration—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 105.
 - Superannuation Act 1990*—Declaration—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 106.
 - Therapeutic Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 109.
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ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Burr, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Humphreys, Mrs Kelly, Mr Punch, Mr Sciacca* and Mrs Sullivan.

*On leave

L. M. BURLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives