

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 139

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 1992

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The 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 J. N. Andrew, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mrs Bailey, Mr Beazley, Dr Blewett, Mr Broadbent, Mr Campbell, Mr Chaney, Mr Connolly, Ms Crawford, Mr Dobie, Mr Downer, Mr Dubois, Ms Fatin, Mr Ford, Mr Free, Mr Gear, Mr Hall, Mr Halverson, Mr Howard, Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Johns, Dr Kemp, Mr Kerin, Mr Mack, Mr MacKellar, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Reith, Mr Shack, Mr Smith, Mr Tickner, Mr Tuckey, Mr Willis, Mr Wilson and Dr R. L. Woods, from 482, 121, 16, 307, 40, 39, 120, 65, 15, 108, 20, 155, 36, 57, 63, 36, 55, 65, 39, 91, 20, 42, 40, 16, 52, 85, 141, 533, 25, 68, 8982, 20, 20, 41, 20 and 23 concerned parents and consumers, respectively, praying that certain action be taken to ensure that legislation controlling television protects the young and impressionable.

Mrs Bailey, Mr Beddall, Ms Crawford, Mr Dubois, Mr Filing, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Ford, Mr Halverson, Mr Hicks, Mr Holding, Mr Jull, Mr Lloyd, Mr McArthur, Mr MacKellar, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Nehl, Mr Newell, Mr Ronaldson, Mr B. C. Scott, Mr Shack, Mr Sharp, Mr Sinclair, Mr Snow, Mr Somlyay, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Taylor, Mr Truss and Mr Tuckey, from 154, 404, 110, 380, 262, 5007, 44, 463, 22, 158, 112, 357, 17, 626, 30, 275, 124, 822, 321, 22, 22, 1270, 241, 180, 21, 1083, 809 and 631 petitioners, respectively, praying that no change be made to the design or colour of the Australian national flag and that it continue to represent a true manifestation of the nation's history.

Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Carlton, Mr Chaney, Mr Charles, Mr Connolly, Mr Fife, Mr Filing, Mr Ford, Mr Jull, Mr McArthur, Mr Reid, Mr Ronaldson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Somlyay and Mr Taylor, from 1749, 193, 312, 68, 1730, 49, 211, 94, 20, 373, 833, 1849, 1976, 19, 93 and 160 petitioners, respectively, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag unless approved by the people of Australia in a national poll.

Mr Anderson, Mr Cobb, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Hicks, Mr Nehl, Mr Sinclair, Mr Somlyay and Mr Truss, from 1767, 2885, 313, 158, 1304, 180, 33 and 2004 petitioners, respectively, praying that the current national flag be preserved and no change be made to its design unless supported by referendum by the majority of Australians in the majority of states.

- Mr Broadbent, Mr Ford and Mr McArthur, from 83, 12 and 85 petitioners, respectively, praying that consideration be given to protecting the current rights of independent contractors.
- Mr Halverson, Mr Ronaldson and Mr Webster, from 148, 86 and 627 petitioners, respectively, praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Halverson, from 75 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr J. N. Andrew and Mr Hand, from 30 and 530 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain persons held in detention in Port Hedland, WA, be granted domestic temporary resident status for two years.
- Mr J. N. Andrew and Mr Webster, from 22 and 260 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Abortion Funding Abolition Bill 1990 be passed and that pregnant women with problems be helped to continue their pregnancies.
- Mr R. J. Brown and Mr Halverson, from 111 and 43 petitioners, respectively, praying that action be taken to ensure that the registered publications service is saved.
- Mr P. S. Fisher and Mr Ronaldson, from 119 and 183 petitioners, respectively, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag unless approved by the people of Australia in a national referendum.
- Mr Ford and Mr Reith, from 77 and 9 residents of Victoria, respectively, praying that Medicare funding of abortion be terminated by support for the Abortion Funding Abolition Bill 1990.
- Mr Lindsay and Mr B. C. Scott, from 26 and 250 residents of Queensland, respectively, praying that any proposal to change the Australian flag be rejected.
- Mr Beale, from 52 petitioners, praying that no change be made to the national flag without a full referendum.
- Mr Beazley, from 28 petitioners, praying that certain persons held in Port Hedland, WA, be granted Domestic Protection (Temporary) entry permits.
- Mr Broadbent, from 797 petitioners, praying that the Australian flag remain unchanged except by referendum.
- Mr Downer, from 5988 residents of South Australia, praying that the current national flag be preserved as a symbol of national pride and identity.
- Mr Fife, from 31 petitioners, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag unless supported by a majority of votes in a majority of States.
- Mr Filing, from 18 petitioners, praying that no alteration or replacement be made to the existing Australian national flag.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 2392 residents of Deniliquin, NSW, praying that no change be made to the Australian flag while there is an unacceptable level of unemployment in Australia.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 1181 residents of the Shire of Culcairn, NSW, praying that steps be taken to ensure the retention of all existing postal services, including home delivery to country areas.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 45 petitioners, praying that the buying power and full employment of Australians be restored.
- Mr Ford, from 349 residents of Victoria, praying that an effective body be established to maintain the price of all fuels.
- Mr Halverson, from 31 petitioners, praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr Hand, from 6 petitioners, praying that Cambodians held at the Villawood and Port Hedland detention centres be granted refugee status or permanent residence.

- Mr Hawker, from 66 petitioners, praying for a motorcycle media awareness campaign and the implementation of the 5/25 motorcycle helmet proposal.
- Mr Hicks, from 1096 petitioners, praying that the House exercise restraint over the banking industry.
- Mr Howard, from 195 petitioners, praying that the Australian national flag not be changed without approval through a national poll.
- Mr Howard, from 22 petitioners, praying that attempts to change the Australian flag without first holding a referendum be opposed.
- Mr Humphreys, from 46 petitioners, praying that sales tax legislation be amended to exempt all disabled persons from sales tax when purchasing a private motor vehicle.
- Mr Langmore, from 24 petitioners, praying for legislation to change the Australian citizenship oath and affirmation of allegiance to a pledge of allegiance to Australia and the Australian people.
- Mr Newell, from 2220 electors of the Division of Richmond, praying that the increases in Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service charges at Murwillumbah abattoir be revoked.
- Mr Scholes, from 23 petitioners, praying that the Otway Forests, Vic., be managed in the best interests of the Australian people and that the export woodchip licence granted to Midway Wood Products be rescinded.
- Mr Sharp, from 80 petitioners, praying that the existing Australian flag be retained and Australians be given the opportunity to express that wish through a referendum.
- Mr Sinclair, from 99 members of the Tamworth Legacy Widows' Social Club, praying that the Australian flag not be changed in any way.
- Mr Snow, from 645 electors of the Division of Eden-Monaro, praying for an adjustment to the parental income threshold entitlement to Austudy.
- Mr Somlyay, from 1112 residents of the Sunshine Coast, Qld, praying that local transmission facilities be established to receive and locally transmit SBS to the Sunshine Coast.
- Mr Somlyay, from 550 petitioners, praying that Japanese tour guides not be granted visas to work in Australia.
- Mr Taylor, from 249 petitioners, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Taylor, from 96 electors of the Division of Maranoa, praying that action be taken to ensure that the Australian flag remains unchanged.
- Dr R. L. Woods, from 817 petitioners, praying that the future of the Australian flag be decided by all Australian people by way of referendum and not by the Government.

Petitions received.

3 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Newell presented the following report:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organisation 12th General Assembly, Bangkok, Thailand, 17-23 November 1991 and Republic of the Philippines, 12-14 November 1991—Report.

Mr Newell and Mr Taylor made statements in connection with the report.

4 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—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 Kerr—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 25 June 1992*), viz.:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Language and culture: A matter of survival—Inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language maintenance—Report, 2 June 1992—

Debate resumed.

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

- 5 PROCEDURE—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 Scholes—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 25 June 1992*), viz.:

Procedure—Standing Committee—The standing orders governing questions seeking information—Report, 2 June 1992—

Debate resumed.

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

- 6 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT (ISOLATED AREA ZONE EXTENSION) AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Filing, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to provide for an extension of the definition of isolated areas to include the seas situated in certain adjacent areas.

Mr Filing made a statement in relation to the Bill.

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

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

- 7 ABORTION FUNDING ABOLITION BILL 1992:** Mr Webster, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973* so as to prevent payment of medicare benefits in respect of certain medical services relating to the procuring of an abortion, and for related purposes.

Mr Webster made a statement in relation to the Bill.

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

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

- 8 HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIETNAM:** Mr Ruddock, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the fundamental human right of all peoples to practise their religion without fear or persecution;
- (2) notes that the United Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation has been denied this right by the Vietnamese Government through the forcible disbanding of this religious order in 1981; and
- (3) calls upon the Australian Government to support the aspirations of the United Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation by urging the Vietnamese Government to:
 - (a) allow the United Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation to freely practise their religion and implement their educational, training and welfare programs in Vietnam;
 - (b) release the Most Venerable Thich Huyen Quang, Thich Duc Nhuan, Professor Thich Tue Sy, Historian Thich Tri Sieu, Venerable Thich

Nguyen Giac, Thich Thien Tan, Thich Phuc Vien and all other Buddhist monks and nuns from illegal detention; and

- (c) return and fully compensate the Buddhist community for all confiscated property.

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 **SELF-DETERMINATION OF TIBET:** Mr Cobb, pursuant to notice, moved—
That this House:

- (1) notes with pleasure the recent visit to Australia of the Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate;
- (2) recognises that Tibet, including those areas incorporated into the Chinese provinces of Sichuan, Yunnan, Gansu and Quinghai, is an occupied country under established principles of international law; and
- (3) supports the UN Resolution 1723 of 1963 calling for the cessation of practices which deprive the Tibetan people of their freedoms, including their right to self-determination.

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.

- 10 **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA:** Mr Langmore, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House supports the establishment of the National Museum of Australia on its present site and the goal of completing construction of the Museum in time for its opening as part of the celebration of the centenary of Federation in 2001.

Debate ensued.

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

- 11 **CRISIS IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA:** Dr Theophanous, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House calls on the Australian Government to:

- (1) commence formal recognition of the independence of Bosnia-Herzegovina;
- (2) assist in the relocation of refugees from war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina; and
- (3) support a peaceful resolution to the crisis in Bosnia-Herzegovina, especially through the UN.

Paper: Dr Theophanous, by leave, presented the following paper:

Bosnia-Herzegovina—Ethnic cleansing campaign—Document in the Serbo-Croatian language, dated 22 July 1992.

It being 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 104A and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

- 12 **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.

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

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 13 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

- 14 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

15 **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 providing forthwith to the House details of the secret taxes he intends to introduce if Labor is re-elected, including the measures referred to in the 1992 budget to expand the FBT system, the withholding tax arrangements and the prescribed payments system, as well as giving an indication of the revenues expected to be collected as a result of those measures.

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, 71

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

NOES, 67

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Downer (seconder) addressing the House—

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

Question—put.

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Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Gayler	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
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Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
Mr Crean	Mr Hand	Mr Melham	Mr Walker
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr West
Mrs Darling	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Hulls	Mr Newell	Mr H. F. Woods
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Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr Mack	Mr Smith
Mr Bradford	Mr Filing	Mr MacKellar	Mr Somlyay
Mr Broadbent	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Mr Ford	Mr Nehl*	Mr Truss
Mr Cameron	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nugent	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Goodluck	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson	Mr Reid	Mr Wilson
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Reith	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Cleary	Dr Hewson	Mr Riggall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks	Mr Rocher	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

- 16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED: Mr McLachlan moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Local Government and Family Support from explaining to the House why he misled the House on a number of occasions on the subject of the local government capital works program both during question time and during the adjournment debate yesterday.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Simmons (Minister for Local Government) presented the following paper:

Local capital works program—Table—Federal electorate of Blaxland.

Debate continued.

Papers: Mr Simmons presented the following papers:

Local capital works program—Tables—Federal electorates of—

Barker.

Ballarat.

Bendigo.

Corinella.

McPherson.

Moncrieff.

Wentworth.

The time allowed by standing order 91 having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Dr Kemp	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
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And so it was negatived.

17 PAPERS: The Deputy Speaker presented the following papers:

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 1991-92.

Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Leaders' Forum, Kona, Hawaii, 23-25 April 1992—
Report of proceedings.

18 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, 10 September 1992.

19 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT: The Deputy Speaker presented the following report:

Parliamentary Zone—Joint Standing Committee—Proposed works in the Parliamentary Zone—National Library lakeside podium; Electricity upgrade; Commencement column plaque; Parliament House loading dock, carpark/gardeners' storage area—Report, July 1992.

Ordered to be printed.

20 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Joint Committee—Report—
ASIO & the Archives Act: The effect on ASIO of the operation of the access provisions of the Archives Act, April 1992—Government response.

Advance to the Minister for Finance for 1991-92—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901*.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—AUSSAT Pty Ltd—Final report, for period 1 July 1991 to 31 January 1992.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Report—Review of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, April 1992—Government response.

- 21 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Report—Review of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, April 1992—Government response.

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

- 22 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—ASIO & the Archives Act: The effect on ASIO of the operation of the access provisions of the Archives Act, April 1992—Government response.

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

- 23 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 8 September 1992, at 2 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting. Question—put and passed.

- 24 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEDICARE:** The House was informed that Dr R. L. Woods had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's inadequate health announcements in this year's budget and its continued inability to undertake the significant structural reform needed to address the crisis crippling Medicare and our public hospital system".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr R. L. Woods addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 25 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate, dated 19 August 1992, were reported—

(a) returning the following Bill without requests:

Sugar Cane Levy Amendment Bill 1992—Message No. 509.

(b) acquainting the House that the Senate concurs with the resolution of the House relating to an amendment to the resolution of appointment of the Joint Select Committee on Certain Aspects of the Operation and Interpretation of the Family Law Act—Message No. 511.

- 26 **SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Simmons (Minister for Family Support), for Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 27 **DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Brereton (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Development Allowance Authority Act 1992*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 28 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ARTS, ENVIRONMENT AND TERRITORIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Message No. 510, dated 20 August 1992, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to repeal certain legislation relating to the environment, to amend legislation relating to the arts, the environment and Territories, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Brereton (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

- 29 **HONEY LEGISLATION (REPEAL AND 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 resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 307, dated 2 July 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 Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), the Bill was read a third time.

- 30 **HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION 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 resumed by Dr R. L. Woods who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House expresses its concern that the Government:

- (1) has failed to implement a satisfactory eligibility checking system so as to prevent non-Australian residents and other ineligible individuals from wrongly receiving expensive pharmaceuticals at prices subsidised by the Government under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and ultimately paid for by the Australian taxpayers;
- (2) is attempting to make pharmacists financially responsible for the fraudulent claims of ineligible individuals who obtain subsidised pharmaceuticals under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme at concessional rates;
- (3) presented to the House grossly inaccurate costings of the estimated savings of the on-line computer eligibility checking system; and

(4) was publicly forced to reverse its proposal to proceed with the on-line computer eligibility checking system following the Senate Committee report which found the estimated savings were inaccurate".

Debate adjourned (Mr Bilney—Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

31 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

32 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1992-93—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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.

Mr Nehl addressing the House—

Adjournment negated: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Martin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Mr Nehl continued his speech.

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

33 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Martin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 8 September 1992, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 August 1992:

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 256.

Bankruptcy Act—Rules—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 261.

Broadcasting Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 Nos. 259, 260.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1992—No. 5.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Part 95—Amendment, 19 August 1992.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 258.

Health Insurance Act—Determination under subsections 23DNB(6) and 23DNC(5), 10 August 1992.

International Air Services Commission Act—Instrument under section 54, 22 July 1992.

Meat Research Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 257.

World Heritage Properties Conservation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992 No. 262.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr Gorman, Mr Hall, Mr Holding, Ms McHugh, Mr Moore, Mr Peacock and Mr J. L. Scott.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives