THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 158

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 1992

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Keating (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Workplace reform—Making time: Flexibility in the workplace—Report on flexible working time arrangements by the Department of Industrial Relations, October 1992.

Questions without notice continued.

Member named and suspended: The Speaker named the Member for Dundas (Mr Ruddock) for again interjecting after having been warned by the Chair.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Dundas be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

NOES, 62

Mr Aldred	Mr Costello	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 McLachlan	Mr Sinclair
Mrs Bailey	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Beale	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ford	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Broadbent	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nugent	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	Mr Wilson
Mr Chaney	Dr Hewson	Mr Reith	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Charles	Mr Hicks*	Mr Riggall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher	
Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.56 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber. Questions without notice continued.

3 PAPER: Ms McHugh (Minister for Consumer Affairs), during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Headlight bicycle helmets—Response to allegations by Mrs Fran Bailey, MP, about headlight helmets by the Federal Bureau of Consumer Affairs, 9 November 1992.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Access and equity evaluation report 1992—Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, October 1992.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy

Corporation—11th report, for 1991-92—Corrigenda.

Long Term Strategies—Standing Committee—Report—Expectations of life: Increasing the options for the 21st century, April 1992—Government response, November 1992.

Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 1991-92.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—STRIKE IN VICTORIA: 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 consequences for the Australian public generally and the further pain, hardship and economic dislocation being inflicted on the Victorian public in particular today through the irresponsible strike".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE— REPORT AND SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE: Mr Kerr presented the following report:

Corporations and Securities—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report on the annual reports of the Australian Securities Commission, the Companies and Securities Advisory Committee, the Companies Auditors & Liquidators Disciplinary Board and the Australian Accounting Standards Board, June 1992-

and, by leave, presented the following paper:

Corporations and Securities—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Summary of evidence presented to the committee on the draft Corporate Law Reform Bill 1992, June 1992.

7 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to primary industries, 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 R. L. Woods), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSMITTER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act 1983.

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 following Bills:

Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment 1992.

Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Amendment 1992.

Radiocommunications (Test Permit Tax) Amendment 1992.

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment 1992.

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

9 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act 1983.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

10 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TEST PERMIT TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Radiocommunications (Test Permit Tax) Act 1983.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

11 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS TAXES COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Act 1983.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

12 HEALTH INSURANCE (QUALITY ASSURANCE CONFIDENTIALITY)
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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Howe (Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), the Bill was read a third time.

13 MEDICARE AGREEMENTS 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.

Paper: Dr R. L. Woods, by leave, presented the following paper:

Medicare—Estimates of 1993-94 and five year allocations using 1990-91 base data—Table.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 5.40 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question-That the Bill be now read a second time-put and passed-Bill

read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 335, dated 5 November 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

14 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 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.

Limitation of debate: At 6.15 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second reading had expired—

Ouestion—put and passed—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.

On the motion of Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Clause 4—

Page 2, proposed subsection 51AL(1), line 19, omit "1 January 1993", substitute "1 July 1993".

Page 2, after proposed subsection 51AL(1) insert the following subsection:

["No deduction" rule does not apply if clothing designs entered on Register of Approved Occupational Clothing]

"'(1A) The rule in subsection (1) does not apply if:

- (a) at the time the expense was incurred by the employee, the designs of the set of one or more items of clothing to which the expense relates were entered on the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing kept under subsection (3A); and
- (b) the applicant for the entry of the designs was the employer of the employee.".

Page 3, after proposed subsection 51AL(3) insert the following subsections:

[Register of Approved Occupational Clothing]

"(3A) The TCFDA must keep a register, to be known as the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing, listing such designs as are required to be on the register because of this section.

[Register to be open for inspection]

'(3B) The TCFDA must cause the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing to be made available for inspection at any reasonable time by any person on request.

[Approved occupational clothing guidelines]

'(3C) The Treasurer must, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this section, formulate written guidelines ("approved occupational clothing guidelines") setting out criteria that must be met by designs of sets of one or more items of clothing if the designs are to be entered on the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing.

[Guidelines to be published etc.]

- '(3D) The Treasurer must cause the approved occupational clothing guidelines to be:
 - (a) published in the Gazette; and
 - (b) made available, without charge, to any interested person.

[Matters to be taken into account in making guidelines]

- '(3E) In making approved occupational clothing guidelines about the entry of the designs of particular kinds of sets of one or more items of clothing, the matters to which the Treasurer is to have regard include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) the extent to which the designs of the items of clothing, when considered as a set, distinctively identify the wearer as a person associated, directly or indirectly, with:
 - (i) the applicant for the entry of the designs; or
 - (ii) a group consisting of:
 - (A) the applicant for the entry of the designs; and
 - (B) one or more associates of the applicant for the entry of the designs (within the meaning of section 26AAB); and
 - (b) the nature of the business or activities carried on by the applicant for the entry of the designs.

[Guidelines to be disallowable]

'(3F) An instrument formulating approved occupational clothing guidelines is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.

[Applications for entry on the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing]

'(3G) An employer may apply to the TCFDA for the designs of a set of one or more items of clothing (other than protective clothing) to be entered on the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing.

[Form of application etc.]

- '(3H) The application must be:
- (a) in writing; and
- (b) in a form approved in writing by the TCFDA; and
- (c) accompanied by such information as the TCFDA requires.

[TCFDA's decision on application]

- '(3J) After considering the application, the TCFDA must decide to:
 - (a) grant the application; or
 - (b) refuse the application.

[TCFDA deemed to have refused application if no decision made within 90 days]

'(3K) If the TCFDA has not made a decision under subsection (3J) before whichever time ("eligible time") is the later of the following times:

- (a) the end of the period ("original 90-day period") of 90 days after the day on which the application was received by the TCFDA:
- (b) if the TCFDA, by written notice given to the applicant within the original 90-day period, requests the applicant to give further information about the application—the end of the period of 90 days after the TCFDA receives the further information;

then, at the eligible time, the TCFDA is taken to have made a decision under subsection (3J) to refuse the application.

[Notice of decision]

'(3L) If the TCFDA makes a decisison under subsection (3J) before the eligible time, the TCFDA must give written notice of the decision to the applicant.

[Reasons for refusal to be given]

'(3M) A notice under subsection (3L) relating to a refusal must set out the reasons for the refusal.

[When entry takes effect]

- '(3N) If the TCFDA decides to grant the application, the entry takes effect on:
 - (a) the day on which the decision is made; or
 - (b) if the applicant requests—such earlier date as the TCFDA specifies.

[Criteria for grant of application]

"(3P) The TCFDA must not grant an application unless the TCFDA is satisfied that the designs meet the criteria set out in the approved occupational clothing guidelines.

[Removal of entry]

'(3Q) The TCFDA must remove an entry from the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing if requested to do so by the employer who applied for the entry.

[Correction of clerical errors etc.]

'(3R) The TCFDA may correct a clerical error or an obvious mistake in an entry in the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing and, if the TCFDA does so, the correction takes effect on the day on which the entry took effect.

[Review of decisions by Tribunal]

'(3S) Applications may be made to the Tribunal for review of decisions of the TCFDA under subsection (3J) or (3N). [Statements to accompany notification of decisions]

- '(3T) If the TCFDA makes a decision under subsection (3J) or (3N) and gives to a person whose interests are affected by the decision written notice of the decision, that notice must:
 - (a) in all cases—include a statement to the effect that, subject to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975, application may be made to the Tribunal, by or on behalf of any person whose interests are affected by the decision, for review of the decision; and
 - (b) except where subsection 28(4) of that Act applies—include a statement to the effect that a request may be made under section 28 of that Act by or on behalf of such a person for a statement setting out the findings on material questions of

fact, referring to the evidence or the material on which those findings were based and giving the reasons for the decision; but a failure to comply with this subsection does not affect the validity of the decision.

[Delegation by TCFDA]

'(3U) Section 61 of the Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority Act 1988 applies in relation to the TCFDA's powers under this section in a corresponding way to the way in which it applies to the TCFDA's powers under that Act.

[TCFDA to give Commissioner information about entries]

- '(3V) The TCFDA must give the Commissioner information about entries on the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing if requested to do so by the Commissioner.'.".
- Page 3, proposed subsection 51AL(5), before the definition of "class of employees" insert the following definition:
 - "'approved occupational clothing guidelines' means guidelines made under subsection (3C);".
- Page 3, proposed subsection 51AL(5), after the definition of "clothing" insert the following definition:
 - "'design', in relation to an item of clothing, includes features of colour, construction, durability, ornamentation, pattern and shape;".
- Page 4, proposed subsection 51AL(5), add at the end the following definitions:
 - "'Register of Approved Occupational Clothing' means the Register of Approved Occupational Clothing required by subsection (3A);

'TCFDA' means the Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority established by the Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority Act 1988.".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Hollis reported accordingly.

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

15 MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

16 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) 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.

Limitation of debate: At 8.35 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second reading had expired—

Question—put and passed—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 Martin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

New clause-

Page 72, after clause 78 insert the following new clause:

Interpretation: notional earnings base where employer not contributing to superannuation fund for benefit of employee immediately before 21 August 1991

"78A. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by inserting after paragraph (1)(a) the following paragraph:
 - '(ab) where the employer is contributing to the fund in accordance with a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory for the benefit of the employee in relation to a contribution period but was not so contributing immediately before 21 August 1991 for the benefit of any employee;';
- (b) by inserting in subsection (2) '(2A),' and ', law' after 'subsections' and 'arrangement' respectively;
- (c) by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection: (2A) If:
 - (a) the employer is contributing for the benefit of the employee to the fund in accordance with an industrial award, or a law of a kind referred to in paragraph (1)(ab), that was operative immediately before 21 August 1991; and
 - (b) section 13 would operate to determine a notional earnings base in relation to the employee if the employer had been so contributing immediately before 21 August 1991;

the earnings base in relation to the employee is the earnings base referred to in paragraph (b).';

(d) by inserting in subsection (3) ', a law of a kind referred to in paragraph (1)(ab)' after 'arrangement'.".

Amendments---

Clause 79, page 72, lines 18 to 31, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Reduction of charge percentage where contribution made to fund other than defined benefit superannuation scheme

"79. Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by omitting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

[Reduction of charge percentage where contribution made under industrial award or law]

- '(2) Subject to subsections (6) and (7), if, in a contribution period:
 - (a) an employer is required by an industrial award or a law of a kind referred to in paragraph 13(1)(ab) or 14(1)(ab) to contribute for the benefit of an employee to a superannuation fund; and
 - (b) the requisite contribution is a specified percentage of the employee's notional earnings base or a percentage of that base calculated in accordance with the award or law; and

(c) the employer contributes to a complying superannuation fund for the benefit of the employee in accordance with the award or law:

the charge percentage for the employer, as calculated under section 20 or 21, in respect of the employee for the contribution period is reduced, in addition to any other such reduction made under this section or section 22, by the amount worked out using the formula:

$A \times B$

where:

"A" is the amount of the percentage figure that expresses the contribution to the fund referred to in paragraph (c) as a proportion of the total amount of the employee's notional earnings base:

- (A) if the employee is employed under the industrial award or law for the whole of the contribution period—for the whole of that period; or
- (B) if the employee is employed under the award or law for a part of the period—for that part of the period;

"B" is:

- (A) 1; or
- (B) if, in relation to the contribution period, the period for which the employee is employed by the employer is greater than the period of employment under the industrial award or law referred to in paragraph (a)—the fraction that represents the period of employment under the award or law as a proportion of the period of employment in the contribution period.';
- (b) by omitting subsection (9) and substituting the following subsection:
 - '(9) An industrial award, an occupational superannuation arrangement, a law of a kind referred to in paragraph 13(1)(ab) or 14(1)(ab) or a superannuation scheme is to be taken not to specify the requisite employer contribution as a percentage of an employee's notional earnings base if the award, arrangement, law or scheme:
 - (a) determines the earnings of the employee by reference to which the requisite employer contribution is to be calculated by specifying an amount of money; and
 - (b) makes no provision for adjustment of that amount by reference to changes in the earnings of an employee.'.".

Clause 80, page 73, lines 3 to 29, omit proposed subsections 25A(2), (3) and (4), substitute the following subsections:

"'(2) If, in relation to a contribution period, an employer:

- (a) is contributing, for the benefit of a relevant employee, to a superannuation fund under an industrial award to which this section applies; and
- (b) the award was operative immediately before 21 August 1991 and has not, on or after that day, been amended in a way that has the effect of reducing an employee's notional earning's base;

the employer is taken, for the purposes of subsection 23(2), to have made a contribution to the fund in accordance with an

industrial award that specifies, as the percentage referred to in paragraph 23(2)(b), the percentage that represents the contribution amount as a proportion of the employee's notional earning's base in relation to the contribution period for the purposes of subsection 23(2).

'(3) Subject to subsection (4), the employee's notional earning's base in relation to a contribution period for the purposes of subsection 23(2) is the adjustment earnings in respect of that

period.

'(4) If the employee's notional earning's base in relation to a contribution period under subsection (3) would be an amount greater than the maximum contribution base for that period, the employee's notional earning's base is the amount equal to the maximum contribution base.'."

Clause 81, page 73, line 31, insert "78A," after "78,".

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 8.40 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the committee stage had expired—

Amendments agreed to.

Question—That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to, and the Bill be reported with amendments—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr Hollis reported accordingly.

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

17 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 Kemp who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House condemns the Government for persisting with its flawed funding framework for universities, a framework which has led to overcrowding, staff shortages, huge unmet demand, and a severe decline in research infrastructure, and for its continuing attack on students' rights to freedom of association".

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 9.25 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 336, dated 5 November 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

18 BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE—VARIATION OF ALLOTMENT OF TIME:

Mr Willis (Minister for Finance) moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Sales Tax Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992, Sales Tax Imposition (In Situ Pools) Bill 1992, Taxation Laws Amendment (Car Parking) Bill 1992, National Health Amendment Bill 1992, Migration Reform Bill 1992, Migration (Delayed Visa Applications) Tax Bill 1992,

Customs Legislation Amendment Bill 1992, Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping Amendments) Bill 1992, Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992 and Qantas Sale Bill 1992 be varied as follows:

- (1) Sales Tax Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992—For the remaining stages, until 11.25 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.
- (2) Sales Tax Imposition (In Situ Pools) Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.
- (3) Taxation Laws Amendment (Car Parking) Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 12.10 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.
- (4) National Health Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 12.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.
- (5) Migration Reform Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 5.25 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.
- (6) Migration (Delayed Visa Applications) Tax Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November,
- (7) Customs Legislation Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 6.10 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.
- (8) Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping Amendments) Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 6.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.
- (9) Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992—For the remaining stages, until 6.20 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.
- (10) Qantas Sale Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 7.05 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.

Question-put and passed.

19 CORPORATE LAW REFORM 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.

Limitation of debate: At 10.05 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

20 NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Johns (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), the Bill was read a third time.

21 DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM (ASSISTANCE AND TAX) 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.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr Connolly, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:

Guidelines relating to privacy

"5A. Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after

subsection (2) the following subsection:

'(2A) In addition to the requirement that the matching agency and each source agency table a comprehensive report in both Houses of Parliament eighteen months after the commencement of the first data matching cycle (as required by Guideline 12 of the Guidelines issued by the Privacy Commissioner on 27 September 1991), the matching agency and each source agency must prepare and present for tabling in each House of the Parliament by the end of October 1993 a further comprehensive report including references to all of the matters identified in Guideline 12 of the Privacy Commissioner's Guidelines of 27 September 1991.'.".

Clause 6-

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

Cessation of operation of Act

"6. Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting 'at the expiration of 2 years after the date of commencement of this Act' and substituting 'on and from 22 January 1994'.".

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr R. F. Edwards reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security), the House adopted the report, and the Bill was read a third time.

22 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1992

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 12.05 a.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 337, dated 5 November 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

23 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS 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.

Limitation of debate: At 12.10 a.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

24 RURAL ADJUSTMENT 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.

Limitation of debate: At 12.50 a.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

25 STATES GRANTS (RURAL ADJUSTMENT) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of debate: At 12.55 a.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

26 FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT 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. 338, dated 5 November 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 Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

27 INCOME EQUALISATION DEPOSITS LAWS 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 339, dated 5 November 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 Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

28 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Ouestion—put and passed

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 1.01 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 November 1992:

Public Service Act—Determinations—1992 Nos. 291, 293, 294.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bradford, Mr Cameron*, Mr Cowan, Mr Goodluck, Mr Jones, Mr MacKellar and Mr Tuckey.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives