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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY 1993

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) for the purposes of the procedures of the House, any reference to Ministers shall be taken to include Parliamentary Secretaries, with the exception of references to questions seeking information (chapter XI of the standing orders); and
- (2) this resolution continue in force unless and until amended or rescinded by the House in this or a subsequent Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

3 HANSARD—AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH RECORD OF DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That the House:
 - (a) authorises the publication of the record of debates and proceedings in the House, known as *Parliamentary Debates* and *Hansard*, prepared by the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff; and
 - (b) affirms the right of committees and subcommittees (however described) of the House and joint committees of the House and the Senate to authorise the publication of (i) documents and records and (ii) transcripts of evidence prepared by the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, subject to any particular provisions in relevant legislation, resolutions or standing orders.
- (2) That this resolution continue in force unless and until amended or rescinded by the House in this or a subsequent Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR 6 MAY 1993

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business for the sitting tomorrow being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

1. Presentation of petitions.
2. Notices and orders of the day, government business (to be interrupted at 12.30 p.m. in order that the grievance debate can be called on):
Provided that:
 - (a) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced, and
 - (b) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the interruption.
3. Grievance debate.
4. Members' statements (at approximately 1.45 p.m.).
5. Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.).
6. Presentation of papers.
7. Ministerial statements, by leave.
8. Matter of public importance.
9. Notices and orders of the day, government business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in relation to the proceedings on any Sales Tax Bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (1) the presentation and the first readings of the Bills together;
- (2) one motion being moved and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together; and
- (3) the consideration of all the Bills as a whole together in a committee of the whole.

Debate ensued.

Mr Beazley 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.

6 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE

Ordered—That notice No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 48A AND 103

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing orders 48A (adjournment of House) and 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Adams	Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Easson	Mr Johns	Mr Sawford
Mr Beazley	Mr Elliott	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Bevis	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Simmons
Mr Bi'ney	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Knott	Mrs S. J. Smith
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Breton	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr Brown	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Grace*	Ms McHugh	Mr Swan
Mr Cleeland	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay*	Mr Tanner
Ms Crawford	Mr Haviland	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Ms Henzell	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr Newell	Mr Walker
Mr Cunningham	Mr Hollis	Mr O'Connor	Mr Willis
Ms Deahm	Mr Horne	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Dodd	Mr Howe	Mr Price	
Mr Duffy	Mr Humphreys	Mr Punch	

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Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Evans	Mr Mack	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Filing*	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Atkinson	Mr Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr Forrest	Mr Miles	Mr Slipper
Mr Bradford	Mr Gallus	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hall	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Nugent	Mr Tuckey
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock	Mr Vaile
Mr Cleary	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Connolly	Mr Lieberman	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SALES TAX BILLS

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) (*see entry No. 5*)—That, in relation to the proceedings on any Sales Tax Bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (1) the presentation and the first readings of the Bills together;
- (2) one motion being moved and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together; and
- (3) the consideration of all the Bills as a whole together in a committee of the whole—

Mr Beazley concluded his speech.

Question—put and passed.

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—WOOL TAX AMENDMENT BILLS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent 5 Wool Tax Amendment Bills:

- (1) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together; and
- (2) the consideration of the Bills in one committee of the whole.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Beazley (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Employment, Education and Training Act 1988*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

11 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mrs Kelly (Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Kelly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mrs Kelly presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment 1993.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Environmental Management Charge—Excise) 1993.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Environmental Management Charge—General) 1993.

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

12 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CHARGE—GENERAL) BILL 1993

Mrs Kelly (Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge on the grant or transfer of certain permissions under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations, so far as that charge is neither a duty of customs nor a duty of excise.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Kelly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

13 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CHARGE—EXCISE) BILL 1993

Mrs Kelly (Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge on the grant or transfer of certain permissions

under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations, so far as that charge is a duty of excise.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Kelly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

14 DAIRY PRODUCE AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Act 1986*.

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

15 AUSTRALIAN WOOL REALISATION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Wool Realisation Commission Act 1991*.

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

16 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), for Mr Beddall (Minister for Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications Act 1991*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr O'Keefe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

17 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (FURTHER PAYMENT) BILL 1993

Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorise a further contribution by Australia to the International Development Association.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

18 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Papers: Mr Tickner presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill and, by leave, presented the following papers:

ATSIC zones and regions—Maps (3) prepared by ATSIC from the 1991 Census of Population and Housing by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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

19 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

20 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National Training Authority Act 1992*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

21 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

22 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1993

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

23 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 1993

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

24 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE

Ordered—That notice No. 15, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

25 SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), for Mr Baldwin (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 Sciacca moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

26 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans' affairs, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

27 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development) presented a Bill for an Act relating to duties of excise.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

28 OATH OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER

John Dawkins made and subscribed the oath of allegiance required by law.

29 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

30 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1992-93—

No. 23—Aggregate financial statement prepared by the Minister for Finance for the year ended 30 June 1992.

No. 24—Project audit—Department of Finance: Interface systems.

No. 25—Efficiency audit—The Jobs, Education and Training Program—Departments of Social Security, Employment, Education and Training and Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services.

No. 26—Project audit—Department of Industry, Technology and Regional Development: Pharmaceutical Industry Development Program—The Factor f scheme.

No. 27—Registered Publications Service—A response to Senate questions regarding Australian Postal Corporation.

No. 28—Report on ministerial portfolios—Autumn sittings 1993.

No. 29—Aggregate and departmental financial statements 1991-92.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 of 1992-93; and
- (2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

31 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation—Report for 1991-92.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1991-92.

Reports of the review panel conducting a review of matters relating to the boundaries of regions—

Report (interim).

Report (interim)—Boundary maps.

Report (final).

Review report on the operation of the Act pursuant to section 26.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—

Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account—Report for 1991-92.

Anindilyakwa Land Council—1st Report, for 1991-92.

Central Land Council—Report for 1991-92.

Northern Land Council—Report for 1991-92.

Tiwi Land Council—13th Report, for 1991-92.

Advance Australia Logo Protection Act—Advance Australia Foundation—Report for 1991-92.

- Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1991-92.
- Audit Act—Artbank—Report for 1991-92.
- Australian Airlines Limited—Report for 1991-92.
- Australian Education Council—National report on schooling in Australia—1991—
Report.
Statistical annex.
- Australian Fisheries Council—Resolutions—22nd meeting, Port Lincoln, SA, 4 September 1992.
- Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1991-92.
- Australian Sports Commission Act—Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1991-92.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 1991-92—Erratum.
- Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report on the state of the automotive industry for 1992.
- Christmas Island Act—Local Government (Transition) (Amendment) Ordinance—Christmas Island Services Corporation—Report for 1991-92.
- Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Report for 1991-92.
Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1992.
- Family Law Act—Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 1991-92.
- Fisheries Act—Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1991.
- Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act—Report for 1991-92.
- Higher education funding for the 1993-95 triennium—Report by Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—28th report, for 1991-92.
- Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 29—Horticulture, 18 February 1993.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Report for 1991-92.
- Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act—Australian Safeguards Office—Report for 1991-92.
- Ozone Protection Act—Report for 1991-92.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee and Fishing Industry Research and Development Council—Report for 1991-92.
Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1991-92, including the 1991-92 report of the Grains Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.
Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1991-92.

Rural Industries Research Act—Dried Fruits Research and Development Council—Report for 1991-92.

Sport and Recreation Ministers' Council—Summary record of proceedings—21st meeting, Adelaide, SA, 27 March 1991.

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Reports of the Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs for 1991-92—Volume 2—Repatriation hospitals—Corrigendum.

32 SPORT AND RECREATION MINISTERS' COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Sport and Recreation Ministers' Council—Summary record of proceedings—21st meeting, Adelaide, SA, 27 March 1991.

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

33 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PAY TELEVISION

The House was informed that Dr Kemp had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The debacle of the Government's allocation of pay television licences".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Kemp addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

34 REGISTRAR OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The House was informed that the Speaker, in accordance with resolution (3) of the House of Representatives relating to the registration of Members' Interests, had appointed Mr L. M. Barlin, Clerk of the House of Representatives, as Registrar of Members' Interests in the 37th Parliament and Mr B. C. Wright, Acting First Clerk Assistant, to act as Registrar during any period of absence of Mr Barlin.

35 APPOINTMENT OF SERJEANT-AT-ARMS

The Deputy Speaker informed the House that, following the appointment of Mr P. F. Bergin as senior adviser to the Speaker, Mr D. R. Elder had been appointed Serjeant-at-Arms.

36 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND) BILL 1993

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act relating to oil pollution damage.

Bill read a first time.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr O'Keefe presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) 1993.

Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Fund—Customs) 1993.

Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Fund—Excise) 1993.

Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Fund—General) 1993.

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

37 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (IMPOSITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND—GENERAL) BILL 1993

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to impose contributions payable under the *Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) Act 1993*, so far as those contributions are neither duties of customs nor duties of excise.

Bill read a first time.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

38 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (IMPOSITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND—CUSTOMS) BILL 1993

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to impose contributions payable under the *Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) Act 1993*, so far as those contributions are duties of customs.

Bill read a first time.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

39 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (IMPOSITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND—EXCISE) BILL 1993

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to impose contributions payable under the *Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) Act 1993*, so far as those contributions are duties of excise.

Bill read a first time.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

40 ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) BILL 1993

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to road transport charges.

Bill read a first time.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr O'Keefe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

41 BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

42 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 1992-93

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 Mr Costello 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:

- (1) notes the dramatic deterioration in the Budget position estimated in the August Budget as a \$13.4 billion deficit and subsequently revised to a \$15.9 billion deficit;
- (2) notes the fact that in the last three years there has been an effective fiscal deterioration of \$33 billion;
- (3) notes the Government is pledged to introduce no new taxes; but has no strategy to reduce the budget deficit by reducing outlays; and
- (4) condemns the Government for its failure of economic management”.

Debate continued.

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

43 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.39 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 May 1993:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics— Proposals for the collection of information—1993 Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Halverson, Mr Jones, Mr P. F. Morris and Mr Reid.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives