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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 25

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1993

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS

The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Bradford, Mr Cadman, Mr Evans, Mr Miles and Mr Taylor, from 139, 2758, 2094, 205 and 801 petitioners, respectively, praying that the increases in petrol excise proposed in the 1993-94 Budget be opposed.

Mr Beale, Mr Beazley and Mr Miles, from 22, 280 and 288 petitioners, respectively, praying that Medicare continue to be a universal health insurance system and that all eye examinations by optometrists be covered.

Mr Miles and Mrs S. J. Smith, from 3023 and 1878 residents of Tasmania, respectively, praying that Bass Strait ferry crossings be funded to make their cost consistent with travel between mainland capital cities.

Mr Bradford, from 32 petitioners, praying that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child be rejected.

Mr Cameron, from 988 residents of Western Australia, praying that action be taken to stop the practice in China of extracting bile from caged bears for medical purposes.

Mr Cameron, from 393 residents of Western Australia, praying that any attempt to dissolve the Australian Army Band, Perth, be opposed.

Mr Downer, from 22 petitioners, praying that the increases in wholesale sales tax, petrol excise, tax on wine and tax on lump sums received for unused leave proposed in the 1993-94 Budget be rejected.

Mr McArthur, from 125 petitioners, praying that the Taxation (Deficit Reduction) Bill 1993 be amended to ensure a healthy Australian wine industry.

Mr McLachlan, from 244 petitioners, praying that instruments affirming the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child be disallowed.

Mr Melham, from 1028 residents of New South Wales, praying that the sale of Australian land to overseas interests be stopped.

Mr Taylor, from 32 petitioners, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag unless approved by the people of Australia in a national poll.

Mr Truss, from 184 petitioners, praying that measures to treat unrealised capital gains and losses on listed securities as income under the *Social Security Act 1991* and the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* be abandoned.

Mr Truss, from 30 petitioners, 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.

Petitions received.

3 YEAR 2000 OLYMPICS

Mr Ferguson, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House commends the various levels of government for their success in gaining the Year 2000 Olympics for Sydney.

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.

4 BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

Mr Evans, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) deplores the fact that six Australian women per day die from breast cancer and notes the possibility of contracting breast cancer is as high as one chance in sixteen for Australian women;
- (2) recognises the fact that breast cancer has the potential to affect every Australian family;
- (3) recognises that there are inadequate research funds available to help combat breast cancer;
- (4) notes the extent of research funding expenditure on other medical conditions with significantly lower mortality rates such as the HIV virus;
- (5) calls on the federal Government to provide more funds for breast cancer research; and
- (6) recommends that the Government introduce tax incentives for donations to breast cancer research in the order of 150 per cent to encourage community support to help eliminate this disease and to increase the availability of research funds.

Debate ensued.

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

5 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH COAST OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Mr Vaile, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of regional development strategies to the north coast of New South Wales;
- (2) urges the Regional Development Task Force to pay close attention to the needs and interests of people on the north coast of New South Wales when

reporting back to the Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development in December 1993; and

- (3) calls for the Industry Commission, in completing its report entitled *Impediments to regional industry adjustment*, to further examine the realities of regional Australia, in particular the realities of impediments to industry on the north coast of New South Wales, before tabling its final report in November 1993.

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.

6 SYDNEY'S AIRPORTS

Mr Cadman, pursuant to notice, moved—That, in view of Sydney being granted the Year 2000 Olympics, this House:

- (1) acknowledges the increased congestion at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport;
- (2) commends the construction of the third, parallel runway at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; and
- (3) endorses the immediate construction of a private/public airport at Badgerys Creek with a full international capacity including a 2900 metre runway.

Debate ensued.

It being 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 104A, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Haviland was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

7 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing 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 standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

8 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: The Speaker named the Member for Flinders (Mr Reith) for disorderly conduct.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 61

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.32 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

10 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of Commonwealth Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—1992-93 interim report.

Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Act—Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 1992-93.

Construction Industry Reform and Development Act—Construction Industry Development Agency—Report for period 1 January to 30 June 1993.

Financial Transaction Reports Act—Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre—Report for 1992-93.

11 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of Commonwealth Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—1992-93 interim report.

Construction Industry Reform and Development Act—Construction Industry Development Agency—Report for period 1 January to 30 June 1993.

Financial Transaction Reports Act—Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre—Report for 1992-93.

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

12 PAPERS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) presented the following papers:

Petitions not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House:

Provision of aid and relief to women and children suffering violence in the former Yugoslavia (Mr Reith, 4 petitioners).

Opposition to the Nuclear Technology Co-operation Agreement (Mr Dodd, 420 petitioners).

Protesting SBS broadcasting policy in regard to the Turkish community (Dr Kemp, 348 petitioners).

Opposition to censorship in the banning of the importation of albums by certain bands (Mr Beazley, 46 petitioners).

Retention of Medicare benefits for eye tests performed by optometrists and ophthalmologists (Mr Beazley, 57 petitioners).

Opposition to increases in the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) (Mr Beazley, 130 petitioners).

Opposition to increases in university fees and HECS, and to the reduction of the initial repayment threshold for HECS (Mr Beazley, 384 petitioners).

Opposition to HECS, and support for an increase in the amount and availability of Austudy and in funding to tertiary institutions (Mr Beazley, 1595 petitioners).

Opposition to the allocation of two-thirds of the funding for places in the Commonwealth Adult Literacy Program to participants in the Department of Employment, Education and Training's labour market programs (Mr Beazley, 580 petitioners).

Retention of the Australian Army Band, Perth (Mr Beazley and Mr Cameron, 46 and 317 petitioners, respectively).

13 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 18 October 1993, at 2 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE OF MEMBER BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 71

Mr Speaker,

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives with a resolution agreed to by the Senate this day, which is, in relevant part:

That the Senate requests the House of Representatives to require the attendance of the following person before the Senate Select Committee on the Functions, Powers and Operation of the Australian Loan Council to provide public evidence:

The Honourable John Dawkins MP.

The Senate refers the House of Representatives to the First and Second Reports of the Senate Select Committee on the Functions, Powers and Operation of the Australian Loan Council, concerning this resolution.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 5 October 1993

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—

- (1) That the House of Representatives having considered Message No. 71 of the Senate:
 - (a) notes that the Senate's request that the House require the attendance of a Member of the House before a committee of the Senate does not conform with the practice of requesting the House to give leave for a Member to attend;
 - (b) resolves that it is not appropriate that a Minister of this House should appear and give evidence before a committee of the Senate against the Minister's will;
 - (c) further resolves that it is not appropriate that any Member of the House of Representatives be required to appear before a committee of the Senate against the Member's will;
 - (d) confirms that it is for each Member to determine whether the Member thinks fit to appear before a committee of the Senate; and
 - (e) declines to require the Honourable John Dawkins MP to attend before the Senate Select Committee on the Functions, Powers and Operation of the Australian Loan Council; and
- (2) That the House send a message to the Senate conveying the terms of this resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 58

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Message No. 72, dated 29 September 1993, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Development Allowance Authority Act 1992'*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Message No. 73, dated 28 September 1993, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend legislation relating to health and community services*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Message No. 76, dated 29 September 1993, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Australian Citizenship Act 1948’, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION (DEFICIT REDUCTION) BILL (NO. 3) 1993

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 75

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the law relating to taxation*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 6 October 1993

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 74, dated 6 October 1993, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Teague had been discharged from further attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization, and that Senator Minchin had been appointed a member of the committee.

20 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the following report:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 21 October 1993.

21 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—3RD REPORT

Mr Fitzgibbon (Chairman) presented the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 3RD REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 1 September 1993, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Reports to the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory, relating to—

Amanbidji Land Claim (Report No. 46).

North Simpson Desert Land Claim (Report No. 45).

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 1992-93.

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1992-93.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1992-93.

Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report for 1992-93.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—60th report—Report for 1992-93.

Defence Act—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report for the period 28 January 1992 to 1 February 1993.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 1992.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1991-92.

Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 1992-93.

Law Reform Commission and the Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report No. 65—Collective investments: Other people's money—

Volume 1.

Volume 2: Draft legislation.

Summary.

Maritime College Act—Council of the Australian Maritime College—Report for 1992.

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1992.

National Road Transport Commission Act—National Road Transport Commission—Financial statements 1992-93.

Public Service Act—Department of the House of Representatives—Report for 1992-93.

Republic Advisory Committee—Report—An Australian Republic—The options—

Overview.

Volume 1: Report.

Volume 2: Appendices.

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Limited—Report for 1992-93.

University of Canberra Act—Council of the University of Canberra—Report for 1992.

ERIC FITZGIBBON
Chairman

7 October 1993

Mr Fitzgibbon, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

22 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1993-94

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 4.10 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.

23 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1993-94

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 Punch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

24 LOAN BILL 1993

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 5.45 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. 40, dated 19 August 1993, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of 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.

25 STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) BILL 1993

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 6.30 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. 41, dated 6 September 1993, 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.

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

AYES, 69

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

NOES, 53

Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Evans	Mr McLachlan	Mr Slipper
Mr Atkinson*	Mr Forrest	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Beale	Mrs Gallus	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Halverson	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock	Mr Williams
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	
Mr Connolly	Dr Kemp	Mr Rocher	
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time.

26 WOOL INTERNATIONAL BILL 1993

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. 42, dated 5 October 1993, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

New clause—

After clause 10, page 9, insert the following clause:

Consultation

“**10A.(1)** Without limiting section 9, Wool International may, for the purpose of considering any matter relating to the performance of its functions, make arrangements for consulting persons and bodies representative of different sectors of the wool industry, including the Wool Council of Australia.

“(2) Arrangements entered into by Wool International in relation to a consultation with a person or body may include Wool International’s agreeing, subject to any guidelines issued by the Minister, under subsection (3), to meet the expenses reasonably incurred in relation to the consultation by the person or body.

“(3) The Minister may, in writing, issue guidelines to Wool International in relation to the payment of expenses to persons or bodies for the purposes of this section.”.

Amendments—

After the heading to Part 5, page 12, insert the following heading:

“Division 1—General”.

Clause 22, page 13, after subclause (3), insert the following subclause:

“(3A) Before making an appointment of a member referred to in paragraph (1)(d), the Minister must take into consideration a nomination made by a selection committee constituted under this Act.”.

New Division—

After clause 29, page 16, insert the following Division:

**“Division 2—Nominations of persons for
appointment to Wool International**

Constitution of selection committee

“**29A.(1)** For the purpose of making an appointment of a member or members referred to in paragraph 22(1)(d), the Minister must constitute a selection committee.

“(2) A selection committee is to consist of:

- (a) a presiding member; and
- (b) 3 other members, of whom one is nominated by the Wool Council of Australia;

appointed by the Minister in writing.

“(3) The members of a selection committee are to hold their appointments on such terms and conditions as the Minister determines.

Request for nominations

“**29B.** When the Minister constitutes a selection committee, the Minister must give the presiding member a written notice:

- (a) specifying the number of appointments that are to be made; and
- (b) requesting the committee to give the Minister, within the period specified in the notice, the name of a person, or the names of persons, the committee considers suitable for appointment.

Proceedings of the committee

“**29C.(1)** Subject to any written directions given to the committee by the Minister, a selection committee may take such action as it thinks appropriate to invite applications for nomination or otherwise to identify persons suitable for nomination.

“(2) In making a nomination or nominations, a selection committee must have regard to the requirements of subsections 22(2), (4) and (5).

“(3) A selection committee may regulate proceedings of the committee as it thinks appropriate.

“(4) Without limiting subsection (3), the presiding member may permit members of a selection committee to participate in a particular meeting, or in all meetings, of the committee:

- (a) by telephone; or
- (b) by closed-circuit television; or
- (c) by any other means of communication.

“(5) A member who participates in a meeting of a selection committee in accordance with subsection (4) is taken to be present at the meeting.

“(6) A question arising at a meeting of a selection committee is to be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

“(7) The presiding member has a deliberative vote and, if there is an equality of votes, also has a casting vote.

Nominations by committee

“**29D.(1)** A selection committee must, within the period specified in the notice under section 29B, give the Minister a written notice nominating a person or persons for appointment to Wool International.

“(2) A selection committee must make only one nomination in respect of each appointment to be made by the Minister.

“(3) The notice under subsection (1) must include:

- (a) a statement containing, in respect of the person, or each person, nominated:
 - (i) details of the person’s qualifications and experience; and
 - (ii) such other information relating to the person as is, in the opinion of the committee, likely to help the Minister to decide whether to appoint the person; and
- (b) a statement specifying how, in the opinion of the committee, the nomination or nominations will best ensure that the members referred to in paragraph 22(1)(d) collectively possess qualifications and experience in all the fields referred to in subsection 22(2).

“(4) If the Minister considers the information contained in a notice under subsection (1) to be inadequate, the Minister may, by written notice given to the presiding member, require the committee to give the Minister, by a specified day, such further information relevant to the matters dealt with in the notice under subsection (1) as the Minister specifies.

“(5) If the Minister is not satisfied as to the suitability of a person nominated for appointment, the Minister may, by written notice given to the selection committee, reject the nomination and may, in the notice, request the committee to make a further nomination within the period specified in the notice.

“(6) Where a selection committee receives a request under subsection (5), subsections (1) to (3) again apply but, in their application because of this subsection, have effect as if the reference in subsection (1) to the notice under section 29B were a reference to the notice under subsection (5) of this section.

Abolition of selection committee

“29E. When:

- (a) a selection committee has made a nomination or nominations in accordance with a notice under section 29B; and
- (b) either:
 - (i) there are no outstanding matters in a notice given by the Minister under subsection 29D(4) or (5) still to be dealt with by the committee; or
 - (ii) the Minister has given the presiding member written notice that the Minister does not intend to give a notice under subsection 29D(4) or (5);

the selection committee is abolished by force of this section.”.

Amendment—

Clause 43, page 19, line 27, after “and (d)”, insert, “including expenses incurred in connection with the appointment and operations of selection committees under Division 2 of Part 5”.

Debate continued.

Paper: Mr Crean presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Truss reported accordingly.

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

27 AUSTRALIAN WOOL RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ORGANISATION BILL 1993

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. 43, dated 5 October 1993, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

New clause—

After clause 10, page 9, insert the following new clause:

Consultation with Wool Council of Australia

“**10A.** Before giving a corporate plan to the Minister, the Organisation must consult with the Wool Council of Australia in relation to the plan.”.

Amendments—

After the heading to Part 6, page 15, insert the following heading:

“Division 1—General”.

Clause 27, page 15, after subclause (3), insert the following subclause:

“**(3A)** Before making an appointment of a member referred to in paragraph (1)(d), the Minister must take into consideration a nomination made by a selection committee constituted under this Act.”.

New Division—

After clause 35, page 18, insert the following Division:

**“Division 2—Nominations of persons for
appointment to Organisation**

Constitution of selection committee

“**35A.(1)** For the purpose of making an appointment of a member or members referred to in paragraph 27(1)(d), the Minister must constitute a selection committee.

“(2) A selection committee is to consist of:

- (a) a presiding member; and
- (b) 3 other members, of whom one is nominated by the Wool Council of Australia;

appointed by the Minister in writing.

“(3) The members of a selection committee are to hold their appointments on such terms and conditions as the Minister determines.

Request for nominations

“**35B.** When the Minister constitutes a selection committee, the Minister must give the presiding member a written notice:

- (a) specifying the number of appointments that are to be made; and
- (b) requesting the committee to give the Minister, within the period specified in the notice, the name of a person, or the names of persons, the committee considers suitable for appointment.

Proceedings of the committee

“**35C.(1)** Subject to any written directions given to the committee by the Minister, a selection committee may take such action as it thinks appropriate to invite applications for nomination or otherwise to identify persons suitable for nomination.

“(2) In making a nomination or nominations, a selection committee must have regard to the requirements of subsections 27(2), (4) and (5).

“(3) A selection committee may regulate proceedings of the committee as it thinks appropriate.

“(4) Without limiting subsection (3), the presiding member may permit members of a selection committee to participate in a particular meeting, or in all meetings, of the committee:

- (a) by telephone; or
- (b) by closed-circuit television; or
- (c) by any other means of communication.

“(5) A member who participates in a meeting of a selection committee in accordance with subsection (4) is taken to be present at the meeting.

“(6) A question arising at a meeting of a selection committee is to be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

“(7) The presiding member has a deliberative vote and, if there is an equality of votes, also has a casting vote.

Nominations by committee

“**35D.(1)** A selection committee must, within the period specified in the notice under section 35B, give the Minister a written notice nominating a person or persons for appointment to the Organisation.

“(2) A selection committee must make only one nomination in respect of each appointment to be made by the Minister.

“(3) The notice under subsection (1) must include:

- (a) a statement containing, in respect of the person, or each person, nominated:
 - (i) details of the person’s qualifications and experience; and
 - (ii) such other information relating to the person as is, in the opinion of the committee, likely to help the Minister to decide whether to appoint the person; and
- (b) a statement specifying how, in the opinion of the committee, the nomination or nominations will best ensure that the members referred to in paragraph 27(1)(d) collectively possess qualifications and experience in all the fields referred to in subsection 27(2).

“(4) If the Minister considers the information contained in a notice under subsection (1) to be inadequate, the Minister may, by written notice given to the presiding member, require the committee to give the Minister, by a specified day, such further information relevant to the matters dealt with in the notice under subsection (1) as the Minister specifies.

“(5) If the Minister is not satisfied as to the suitability of a person nominated for appointment, the Minister may, by written notice given to the selection committee, reject the nomination and may, in the notice, request the committee to make a further nomination within the period specified in the notice.

“(6) Where a selection committee receives a request under subsection (5), subsections (1) to (3) again apply but, in their application because of this subsection, have effect as if the reference in subsection (1) to the notice under section 35B were a reference to the notice under subsection (5) of this section.

Abolition of selection committee

“35E. When:

- (a) a selection committee has made a nomination or nominations in accordance with a notice under section 35B; and
- (b) either:
 - (i) there are no outstanding matters in a notice given by the Minister under subsection 35D(4) or (5) still to be dealt with by the committee; or
 - (ii) the Minister has given the presiding member written notice that the Minister does not intend to give a notice under subsection 35D(4) or (5);

the selection committee is abolished by force of this section.”.

Amendment—

Clause 53, page 27, line 30, after “Organisation”, insert, “including expenses incurred in connection with the appointment and operations of selection committees under Division 2 of Part 6”.

New clause—

After clause 62, page 32, insert the following new clause:

Payment to Organisation of money appropriated for wool promotion

“62A. There is payable to the Organisation any money appropriated by the Parliament for expenditure on wool promotion.”.

Amendments—

Clause 65, page 33, line 3, omit the line, substitute “the Wool Council of Australia and other persons and bodies representative of different sectors of the wool industry.”.

Clause 73, page 36, lines 5 to 7, omit the clause.

Clause 74—

Page 36, line 10, omit “, 72 or 73”, substitute “or 72”.

Page 36, line 17, omit “1995”, substitute “1996”.

Paper: Mr Crean presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Truss reported accordingly.

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

28 WOOL LEGISLATION (REPEALS AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1993

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 Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

29 WOOL TAX (NOS. 1 TO 5) AMENDMENT BILLS 1993

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bills were together read a third time.

30 ADJOURNMENT

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

Hansard report—Statement by Speaker

The Speaker made a statement in response to a question asked of him earlier today by Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) concerning the *Hansard* report of supplementary remarks by Mr Dawkins (Treasurer) to a question without notice yesterday. The Speaker stated that he had been advised that the words omitted would be included in the *Weekly Hansard*, which he again reminded Members was the official and fully privileged *Hansard* report of the proceedings of the Chamber.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.59 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 18 October 1993, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 October 1993:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

105—Amendments 1993—

September 24, 27, 28, 29, 30.

October 5, 6.

106—Amendments 1993, September 28, 30(2).

Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—1993 Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Road Vehicle (National Standards) Determination—1993 No. 2.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing 6 October 1993 as the day on which the *Murray-Darling Basin Act 1993* shall come into operation.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cleeland, Mr Cunningham, Mr Duffy, Mr Elliott, Mr Jones, Mr Lloyd, Mr Simmons, Mr Sinclair and Mr Somlyay.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives