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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 39

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 1996

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1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Ministerial change:* Mr Howard (Prime Minister), in answering a question, informed the House that he had today accepted the resignation of Senator Gibson as Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer.

Questions without notice continued.

*Member named and suspended:* The Speaker named the Member for Cunningham (Mr Martin) for refusing to resume his seat when directed to do so by the Chair.

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

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 89

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Andren	Mrs Elson	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McLachlan	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Filing	Mr Marek	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fischer	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Bradford	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Campbell	Mrs Johnston	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Ms Worth*
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher	Mr Zammit
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Dondas	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	

## NOES, 46

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.44 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

**3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TOURISM**

Mr Crean moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Hotham moving forthwith—That this House censures the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism:

- (1) for his failure to divest his \$100,000 interest in Bligh Ventures since May 1996 despite being required to do so under the Prime Minister's guidelines on ministerial conduct;
- (2) notes the Minister's failure to divulge that matters had come before him related to the activities of Bligh Ventures including the computer bounty which the Government decided to extend in the Budget by a further 12 months;
- (3) notes that companies associated with Bligh Ventures received more than \$1 million from the Government in computer bounty funding in the previous financial year;
- (4) notes the Minister's key role in retaining tariff concessions on business inputs; and
- (5) notes that the battlers of Lindsay and many millions of Australians have been harmed by decisions in the Budget such as those to abolish the Commonwealth dental program, introduction of an average \$26,000 for elderly Australians, including veterans and TPIs, to enter a nursing home, increase charges for child care, cuts to labour market programs and additional costs to go to university; and

This House calls on the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism to resign immediately for his gross breach of the guidelines on ministerial conduct.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

**4 MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TOURISM—MOTION OF CENSURE**

Mr Crean moved—That this House censures the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism:

- (1) for his failure to divest his \$100,000 interest in Bligh Ventures since May 1996 despite being required to do so under the Prime Minister's guidelines on ministerial conduct;
- (2) notes the Minister's failure to divulge that matters had come before him related to the activities of Bligh Ventures including the computer bounty which the Government decided to extend in the Budget by a further 12 months;
- (3) notes that companies associated with Bligh Ventures received more than \$1 million from the Government in computer bounty funding in the previous financial year;
- (4) notes the Minister's key role in retaining tariff concessions on business inputs; and

- (5) notes that the battlers of Lindsay and many millions of Australians have been harmed by decisions in the Budget such as those to abolish the Commonwealth dental program, introduction of an average \$26,000 for elderly Australians, including veterans and TPIs, to enter a nursing home, increase charges for child care, cuts to labour market programs and additional costs to go to university; and

This House calls on the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism to resign immediately for his gross breach of the guidelines on ministerial conduct.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 45

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Breton	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 82

Mr Abbott	Mr Dondas	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Andren	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Draper	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fischer	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr Campbell	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth*
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Mr Zammit
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott	
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sharp	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

**5 PAPERS**

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Public Service Act—Department of the House of Representatives—Report for 1995-96—

Report.

Extended report.

Extended report—Electronic version.

**6 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report of the Special Auditor (KPMG), October 1996.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Archives Act—Australian Archives and Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Reports for 1995-96.

Australian Film Commission Act—Film Australia Limited—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Hearing Services—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Postal Corporation Act—Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Sports Drug Agency Act—Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 1995-96.

Broadcasting Services Act—Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Act—Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation—4th report, for 1995-96.

Department of Tourism—Financial statements for period 1 July 1995 to 10 March 1996.

Fisheries Administration Act—Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee—Report for 1995-96.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 1—Inquiry into complaints of discrimination in employment and occupation: Compulsory age retirement.

Industrial Relations Act—Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Report for 1995-96.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 50—Tourism accommodation and training, 23 April 1996.

National Gallery Act—National Gallery of Australia—Report for 1995-96.

National Library Act—National Library of Australia—36th report, for 1995-96.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1995-96.

Public Service Act—Department of Industry, Science and Tourism—Report for 1995-96.

Radiocommunications Act—Spectrum Management Agency—Report for 1995-96.

Trade Practices Act—National Competition Council—Report for period 6 November 1995 to 30 June 1996.

Treaties—

*Bilateral with text and national interest analysis—*

Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) to further amend and extend the Agreement concerning Australian participation in the MFO of 16 March 1982, as amended and extended on 4 January 1993, done at Rome on 5 July 1996 and 2 October 1996.

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand concerning enhanced involvement of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Skyhawk Aircraft in Australian Defence Force Air Defence Support Flying, done at Canberra on 9 October 1996.

Agreement between Australia and the Government of the Republic of Peru on the Promotion and Protection of Investments, and Protocol, done at Lima on 7 December 1995.

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Chile on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, and Protocol, done at Canberra on 9 July 1996.

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China concerning the Maintenance of the Consulate-General of Australia in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, done at New York on 26 September 1996.

Exchange of Notes, done at Canberra on 28 July 1995, 3 October 1996 and 4 October 1996, constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to further amend the Agreement relating to Air Transport of 22 May 1957.

*Multilateral with text and national interest analysis—*

Agreement recognizing the International Legal Personality of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), done at Manila on 19 May 1995.

Convention establishing the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, done at Seoul on 11 October 1985.

*Bilateral with national interest analysis for treaty previously tabled—*

Films Co-production Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Italy, done at Rome on 28 June 1993.

*Multilateral national interest analyses for treaties previously tabled—*

Montreal Protocol No. 4, done at Montreal on 25 September 1975, to amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air, done at Warsaw on 12 October 1929, as amended by the Protocol done at The Hague on 28 September 1955.

Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime, done at Strasbourg on 8 November 1990.

Convention on Nuclear Safety, done at Vienna on 20 September 1994.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1995-96.

**7 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**

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

Australian Hearing Services—Report for 1995-96.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 1—Inquiry into complaints of discrimination in employment and occupation: Compulsory age retirement.

Industrial Relations Act—Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Report for 1995-96.

Public Service Act—Department of Industry, Science and Tourism—Report for 1995-96.

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

**8 INHUMANE WEAPONS CONVENTION—PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) presented the following papers:

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects, of 10 October 1980—

Amendment, done at Geneva on 3 May 1996, to Protocol II on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices;

Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV), done at Vienna on 13 October 1995; and

National interest analyses—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the papers.

Mr Brereton, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the papers.

**9 DEFENCE POLICY—PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

Mr McLachlan (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning Defence policy and presented the following paper:

Initial restructuring of Army's combat force—Plan for the next 3-5 years—Explanatory map.

Mr Bevis, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

**10 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chair reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed Wednesday, 16 October 1996, at 10 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

**11 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GUIDELINES ON MINISTERIAL CONDUCT**

The House was informed that Mr Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need for members of the Executive to meet the requirements of the Prime Minister’s guidelines on ministerial conduct”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean rising to address the House—

Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Draper	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fischer	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Mutch	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth*
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sharp	



NOES, 41

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Sercombe
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Tanner
Mr Brereton	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

**12 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 28 October 1996.

**13 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Cadman (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

(1) the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for consideration:

Income Tax Assessment 1996;

Income Tax (Consequential Amendments) 1996; and

Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) 1996; and

(2) the following order of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report on the Australian Aid Program—Proceedings of a seminar—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**14 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1996**

The order of the day having been read for further consideration in detail of the Bill—

Schedule 12—

Mr P. J. Baldwin moved the following amendment: Part 5, items 26 and 27, page 111 (lines 29 to 32), omit the items.

Amendment negated.

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule 13 agreed to.

Schedule 14 debated.

Question—That the schedule be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 80

Mr Abbott	Mr Dondas	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Draper	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Miles	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Mutch	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Bradford	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Randall	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth*
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	Mr Zammit

NOES, 39

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanus
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedules 15 to 19, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Schedule 20 debated.

Question—That the schedule be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anderson	Mr Dondas	Mr Lindsay	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Draper	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr Miles	Mr Sullivan
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Ms D. S. Vale
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Wakelin
Mr Bradford	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mrs West
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Mr Williams
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Dr Wooldridge
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth*
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Randall	Mr Zammit
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper	

NOES, 38

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay*	Mr Sercombe
Mr Beddall	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Breerton	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule 21 agreed to.

Schedule 22 debated.

Question—That the schedule be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Dondas	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gamaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Bradford	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth*
Mr Charles	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Mr Zammit
Mr Cobb	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	

## NOES, 40

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay*	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedules 23 and 24, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Postponed clause 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

## 15 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) BILL 1996

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 P. J. Baldwin 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) is of the opinion that the maintenance of a universally accessible system of government schools able to provide appropriate curriculum offerings comprehensive enough to meet the needs of the students enrolled is a national priority;
- (2) expresses grave concern at the damage likely to be done to government schools by the Government’s mooted abolition of Commonwealth requirements for funding non-government schools, with the significant cost being offset by a reduction in Commonwealth direct grants to the government sector;
- (3) condemns the Government for refusing to meet its responsibilities in ensuring that a quality education is accessible to every Australian child”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

## 16 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

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## PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 October 1996:

Australian Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 212.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations 1996 Nos. T9/96, T10/96, T11/96, T12/96.

Immigration (Education) Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 213.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 211.

Migration Act and Migration Reform Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 214.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Determinations 1996 No. 12.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brough, Mr Entsch, Mrs Gallus, Mrs Gash, Mr Jones, Mr McArthur, Mr McClelland, Mr Reid, Mr A. P. Thomson and Mr Willis.

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives