

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 5

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 1985

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Prime Minister making a statement to the House on the consequences for the ANZUS alliance and Australia of the significant scaling down of defence co-operation between the United States and New Zealand.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 80

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mr Hurford	Mr Milton
Mr Beazley	Mr Dubois	Mr Jacobi	Mr A. A. Morris
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris
Mr Bilney	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Mountford
Mr Blanchard	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr O'Keefe
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kent	Mr Price
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Dr Klugman	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lamb	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mrs Child	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hawke	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hayden	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Holding	Mr Maher	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Howe	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wright
Mrs Darling	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Mildren	Mr Young

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Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Everingham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr McVeigh	Mr Slipper
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Dr Watson
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodges	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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And so it was negatived.

- 3 **JUSTICES (LONG LEAVE PAYMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** 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. 1, dated 26 February 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 4 **TRUST RECOUPMENT TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1985:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr Cadman addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 5 **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:** The following warrant nominating a Deputy Chairman of Committees, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid on the Table by Mr Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate David Bruce Cowan to act as a Deputy Chairman of Committees when requested to do so by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand on 27 February 1985.

H. A. JENKINS
Speaker

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

- 7 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—11th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

Audit Act—National Exhibition Centre Trust—Report for year 1983-84.

Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—119th meeting, Townsville, 30 July 1984.

Australian Capital Territory—

Agents Board—13th Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

Building Review Committee—7th Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

Bush Fire Council—Report for year 1983-84.

Nominal Defendant—Report for 1983.

Australian Fisheries Council—Resolutions—14th meeting, Townsville, 28 July 1984.

Australian Forestry Council—

Summary of resolutions and recommendations—21st meeting, Brisbane, 25 July 1984.

Standing Committee on Forestry—Report, dated March 1984—The 1982-83 bushfires—Implications for national co-operation and co-ordination based on direct State and Territory forest service experience.

Australian Research Grants Committee—Report on grants approved for 1985.

Barley Research Act—Barley Industry Research Council—Report for year 1983-84.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

Canberra Development Board—Report for year 1983-84.

Canberra Theatre Trust—18th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Services Limited—Report for year 1983-84.

Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for year 1983-84.

Defence Service Homes Act—Defence Service Homes Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

Department of Administrative Services—Report for year 1983-84.

Department of Territories and Local Government—Report for year 1983-84.

Family Law Act—Family Law (Institute of Family Studies) Regulations—Institute of Family Studies—4th Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

Honey Research Act—Honey Research Committee—Report for year 1983-84.

Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—18th Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—27th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth Ombudsman and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report for year 1983-84.

Phosphate Mining Company of Christmas Island Limited—Report for year 1983-84.

Vietnam Veterans' Counselling Service—Statement by Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

- 8 **SECURITY APPEALS TRIBUNAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:
Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for year 1983-84.
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 **FAMILY LAW COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:
Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for year 1983-84.
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 **AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:
Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Report for year 1983-84.
Mr Uren (Minister for Local Government and Administrative Services) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction) presented the following paper:
Housing Assistance Act—Report on operation of Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement, for year 1982-83.
Mr Uren (Minister for Local Government and Administrative Services) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hodgman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **ABORIGINAL HOSTELS LIMITED—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) presented the following papers:
Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84, and a statement by Mr Holding, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate adjourned (Mr Shipton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **OFFICE OF AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented the following paper:
War Graves Act—Office of Australian War Graves, Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report by Secretary of Department, for year 1983-84.
Mr Uren (Minister for Local Government and Administrative Services) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 **PAPERS:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science), during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:
 Bushfire research funding—
 Copy of letter, dated 30 November 1984, from Mr Jones, Minister for Science and Technology to Mr A. G. Helps, Managing Director, Continental Truck Service Pty Ltd.
 Media release by Mr D. M. Connolly, MP, dated 26 February 1985.
- 15 **LEGISLATION PROGRAM—AUTUMN SITTINGS, 1985—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, made a ministerial statement announcing the Government's legislation program for the 1985 Autumn period of sittings.
 Mr MacKellar, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 16 **NATIONAL ABORIGINAL CONFERENCE—ROLE—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) presented the following paper:
 Role of the National Aboriginal Conference—Report by Dr H. C. Coombs, dated 1 May 1984.
 Mr Holding, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and presented the following paper:
 Role of the National Aboriginal Conference—Report—Ministerial statement, 27 February 1985.
 Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr Holding addressed the House, by leave.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Jacobi), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMS—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) presented the following paper:
 Labour market programs—Report of committee of inquiry, dated 21 December 1984—
 and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 18 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 Mr Cadman, Mr Carlton, Mr Drummond and Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by referendum.
 Mr Braithwaite, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Fife, Mr P. S. Fisher and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens in similar terms.
 Mr Cadman and Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 Mr Cowan and Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the ordinance superseding the ACT Objectionable Publications Ordinance be disallowed and certain other action be taken in relation to censorship matters.
 Mr Drummond and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
 Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
 Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the Government reconsider the assets test.
 Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the laws which banned the entry and sale of hard-core and violent pornography be re-enacted.

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that young Australians who have undertaken employment while at school be eligible for Tertiary Education Assistance allowances.

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Indi in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene materials.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the present Australian flag be retained.

Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene materials, and entitlements of de facto spouses of Parliamentarians and homosexual partners of ABC employees.

Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that the Government initiate policies to ensure continued access of Australians to safe and effective drugs.

Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that residents of rest homes be funded equally to those in other institutions.

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.

Petitions received.

- 19 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—THE ANZUS ALLIANCE:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to take a stand on the ANZUS nuclear ships issue and the damage that this has clearly done to the ANZUS Alliance".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 20 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 1 TO 4 (1985) AND EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 1 (1985):** Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) moved—

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 (1985), and

Excise Tariff Proposals No. 1 (1985).

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

- 21 **BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT LEVY PROPOSALS NO. 1 (1985):** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) moved—

Bass Strait Freight Adjustment Levy Proposals No. 1 (1985).

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

- 22 **HONEY LEVY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Honey Levy Act (No. 1) 1962*, the *Honey Levy Act (No. 2) 1962* and the *Honey Levy Collection Act 1962*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 23 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

24 **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a standing committee be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to the circumstances of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people and the effect of policies and programs on them as are referred to it by—
 - (a) resolution of the House, or
 - (b) the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.
- (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States and the Northern Territory in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
- (3) That the committee consist of 8 members, 5 members to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 2 members to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, and 1 member to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (7) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That the committee appoint the chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (10) That a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (11) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may participate in the proceedings of that sub-committee, but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (13) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
- (14) That a sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.
- (15) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (16) That the committee in selecting particular matters for investigation take account of the investigations of other parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Standing Committees on Aboriginal Affairs appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

25 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a standing committee be appointed to inquire into and report on—
 - (a) environmental aspects of legislative and administrative measures which ought to be taken in order to ensure the wise and effective management of the Australian environment and of Australia's natural resources, and
 - (b) such other matters relating to the environment and conservation and the management of Australia's natural resources as are referred to it by—
 - (i) the Minister responsible for those matters, or
 - (ii) resolution of the House.
- (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States and the Northern Territory in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
- (3) That the committee consist of 8 members, 5 members to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 2 members to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip and 1 member to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (7) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That the committee appoint the chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (10) That a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (11) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may take part in the public proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote or move any motion or constitute a quorum.
- (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (13) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
- (14) That any sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.
- (15) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (16) That the committee be provided with necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (17) That the committee in selecting particular matters for investigation take account of the investigations of other parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
- (18) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.

- (19) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Standing Committees on Environment and Conservation appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (20) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

26 **EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), having amended, by leave, notice No. 3, government business, moved—

- (1) That a standing committee be appointed to—
 - (a) consider any papers on public expenditure presented to the House and such of the estimates as it sees fit to examine;
 - (b) consider how, if at all, policies implied in the figures of expenditure and in the estimates may be carried out more economically;
 - (c) examine the relationship between the costs and benefits of implementing government programs, and
 - (d) inquire into and report on any question in connection with public expenditure which is referred to it by the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 16 members, 8 members to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 4 members to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 3 members to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, and the chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts or his nominee who is a Member of the House of Representatives.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (7) That 6 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That the committee appoint the chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (10) That the quorum of a sub-committee be 2 members.
- (11) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may take part in the public proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote or move any motion or constitute a quorum.
- (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (13) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
- (14) That any sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.

- (15) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (16) That the committee be provided with necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (17) That the committee in selecting particular matters for investigation take account of the investigations of other parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
- (18) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (19) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Standing Committees on Expenditure appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (20) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

27 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a standing committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practices and procedures of the House generally with a view to making recommendations for their improvement or change and for the development of new procedures.
- (2) That the committee consist of 8 members, 5 members to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 2 members to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip and 1 member to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That the quorum of a sub-committee be a majority of the members of that sub-committee.
- (9) That the committee appoint the chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (10) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may participate in the proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (11) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
- (13) That a sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.

- (14) That a sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (15) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (16) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

28 **TRANSPORT SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), having amended, by leave, notice No. 5, government business, moved—

- (1) That a standing committee be appointed to inquire into and report on—
 - (a) the most effective means in terms of cost and efficiency of achieving greater transport safety in Australia;
 - (b) the main causes of air, sea, rail and road transport accidents in Australia;
 - (c) the particular aspects to which those concerned with transport safety could most advantageously direct their efforts;
 - (d) the economic cost to the community of transport related accidents in Australia, remedial measures and equity considerations in the burden of cost;
 - (e) those sections of the community most affected by transport related accidents, and
 - (f) occupational health and safety issues in the transport sector.
- (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States and the Northern Territory in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
- (3) That the committee consist of 8 members, 5 members to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 2 members to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip and 1 member to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (7) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That the committee appoint the chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (10) That a quorum of a sub-committee be a majority of the members of that sub-committee.
- (11) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may participate in the proceedings of that sub-committee, but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

- (13) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
- (14) That any sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.
- (15) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (16) That the committee in selecting particular matters for investigation take account of the investigations of other parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Select Committee on Road Safety appointed during the 28th Parliament, and of the Standing Committees on Road Safety appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

29 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:

Census of population and housing 1986—Content and procedures—Paper by Australian Bureau of Statistics, dated February 1985—Corrigendum.

30 **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION—SELECT COMMITTEE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on all aspects of Aboriginal education with particular reference to—
 - (a) the educational needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people including the effect on these needs of environmental, social and cultural factors;
 - (b) means of promoting wider and more effective participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people at all levels in the development and implementation of appropriate programs and curricula;
 - (c) the most effective methods of providing appropriate education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people at all levels, having regard to the expressed needs of the Aboriginal communities and organisations and to the respective responsibilities of—
 - (i) the State, Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments, and
 - (ii) Aboriginal communities and other agencies administering Aboriginal education programs;
 - (d) the effectiveness of funding arrangements, including—
 - (i) whether the best use is made of available funds, and
 - (ii) whether present priorities as between States Grants and Grants-in-Aid are appropriate;
 - (e) the effectiveness of existing programs and special support schemes including—
 - (i) Aboriginal student assistance schemes;
 - (ii) enclave support schemes;
 - (iii) independent Aboriginal schools;
 - (iv) bilingual and bicultural education programs, and
 - (v) pre-employment and vocational training courses, and
 - (f) the recruitment and training of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal teachers and teacher assistants.
- (2) That the committee consist of 8 members, 5 members to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 2 members to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip and 1 member to be nominated

by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip.

- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (6) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (7) That the committee appoint the chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (8) That a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may take part in the public proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote or move any motion or constitute a quorum.
- (10) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (11) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
- (12) That any sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.
- (13) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (14) That the committee be provided with necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (15) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (16) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records relating to the Inquiry into Aboriginal Education undertaken by Standing Committees on Aboriginal Affairs appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (17) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

31 AIRCRAFT NOISE—SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the effects of aircraft operations on the environment surrounding airports including, but not limited to—
 - (a) the extent of the impact of aircraft noise on—
 - (i) the health and welfare of persons, institutions and communities,
 - (ii) property and property values adjacent to major metropolitan airports;
 - (b) the effectiveness of administrative procedures and regulations (including curfews), designed to lessen noise, and the monitoring of such procedures and regulations;

- (c) the extent to which aircraft noise should be taken into account in establishing priorities and programs for the development of existing airports and the building of new airports within and adjacent to major urban areas;
 - (d) compensation schemes for aircraft noise operating in the United Kingdom and other countries and the effect of those schemes on airport planning and development;
 - (e) the constitutional powers of the Commonwealth, State and local Governments to legislate for the adequate control of aircraft noise and how these powers could be used for that purpose;
 - (f) the effects of aircraft operations (other than noise) on property;
 - (g) the effect of aircraft engine emissions on people and property, and
 - (h) such other matters which the committee decides should be drawn to the attention of the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 8 members, 5 members to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 2 members to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip and 1 member to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip.
 - (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
 - (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
 - (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
 - (6) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (7) That the committee appoint the chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
 - (8) That a majority of the members of the sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
 - (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may take part in the public proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote or move any motion or constitute a quorum.
 - (10) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (11) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
 - (12) That any sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.
 - (13) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
 - (14) That the committee be provided with necessary staff, facilities and resources.
 - (15) That the committee in selecting particular matters for investigation take account of the investigations of other parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
 - (16) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
 - (17) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Select Committee on Aircraft Noise appointed during the 27th Parliament, and of the Standing Committees on Environment and Conservation appointed during previous Parliaments.

- (18) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

32 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), having amended, by leave, notice No. 8, government business, moved—

- (1) That a joint committee be appointed to inquire into and report on—
 - (a) all proposals for modification or variations of the plan of layout of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 19 November 1925, as previously modified or varied, which are referred to the committee by the Minister for Territories, and
 - (b) such matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to it by—
 - (i) resolution of either House of the Parliament, or
 - (ii) the Minister for Territories.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 4 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (7) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That the committee appoint the chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (10) That the quorum of a sub-committee be a majority of the members of that sub-committee.
- (11) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may participate in the proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

- (13) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
- (14) That a sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate or of the House of Representatives.
- (15) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (16) That the committee in its inquiries take account of the investigations of other parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

33 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), having amended, by leave, notice No. 9, government business, moved—

- (1) That a joint committee be appointed to consider and report on—
 - (a) foreign affairs and defence generally, and
 - (b) such matters as may be referred to the committee by—
 - (i) the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
 - (ii) the Minister for Defence, or
 - (iii) resolution of either House of the Parliament.
- (2) That the committee consist of 28 members, 11 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 5 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and 4 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, or by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (6) That the chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the deputy chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (7) That the committee have power to appoint not more than 3 sub-committees consisting of a minimum of 3 of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (7), the chairman and deputy chairman of the committee be ex-officio members of each sub-committee appointed.

- (9) That the members of a sub-committee elect one of the voting members of the sub-committee to be the chairman of that sub-committee.
- (10) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may take part in the proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote or move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (11) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for and examine persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and meet and transact business in public or private session and notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament.
- (12) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (13) That 9 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee and 3 members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (14) That in the event of an equality of voting, the chairman or the deputy chairman when acting as chairman, have a casting vote.
- (15) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the minutes of evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence, appointed in previous Parliaments, relating to any matters on which those committees had not completed consideration.
- (16) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (17) That the committee in selecting particular matters for investigation take account of the investigations of other parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
- (18) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (19) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

34 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a joint standing committee be appointed to act for and represent the Parliament, as the client for the new Parliament House, in all matters concerned with the planning, design and construction of the new Parliament House and all matters incidental thereto.
- (2) That the committee consider and approve the developed design for the building, which, in conjunction with the revised brief for Parliament House, dated August 1980, shall be used as the basis for the design and construction of the new Parliament House, unless both Houses resolve to vary any section of the brief or have any section reconsidered by the committee.
- (3) That the committee determine user requirements for approved non-building items and consider other issues relevant to ensuring that the requirements of Parliament are fully met when transferring to the new building.
- (4) That the committee also consider and report on matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974* as may be referred to it by—
 - (a) the Minister responsible for administering the *National Capital Development Commission Act 1957*, or
 - (b) resolution of either House of the Parliament.
- (5) That the committee consist of—
 - (a) the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (b) the Minister responsible for administering the *Parliament House Construction Authority Act 1979*;
 - (c) 6 Members of the House of Representatives, 3 to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip and 3 to

- be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, and
- (d) 6 Senators, 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (6) That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be joint chairmen of the committee.
- (7) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (8) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (9) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to appoint the chairman of each sub-committee, and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter that the committee is empowered to inquire into.
- (10) That the committee or a sub-committee so appointed have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate or of the House of Representatives.
- (11) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (12) That 5 members of the committee, one of whom is the President or the Speaker, constitute a quorum of the committee and a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (13) That in matters of procedure, each of the chairmen whether or not occupying the Chair, have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, the chairman occupying the Chair have a casting vote.
- (14) That in matters other than those of procedure, each of the chairmen, whether or not occupying the Chair, have a deliberative vote only.
- (15) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on the New Parliament House appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (16) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it or any information obtained in the course of its inquiries or any document presented to it.
- (17) That the committee be authorised to provide, on behalf of the Parliament, all necessary information concerning the functional requirements for the new Parliament House and matters incidental thereto direct to the Parliament House Construction Authority as the authority responsible to Parliament to undertake or arrange for the planning, design and construction of the new Parliament House.
- (18) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (19) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

35 ELECTORAL REFORM—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all aspects of the conduct of elections for the Parliament of the Commonwealth and matters related thereto, including—
- (a) legislation governing, and the operation of, the Australian Electoral Commission;

- (b) the provision of "free" radio time for political messages during election periods;
 - (c) the provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* concerning the defamation of candidates for election;
 - (d) tax deductibility of political donations, and
 - (e) the establishment of fixed formulae for determining the number of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to which the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory and other territories are entitled.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
 - (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
 - (6) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chairman and the deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
 - (7) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
 - (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (9) That the committee appoint the chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
 - (10) That the quorum of a sub-committee be a majority of the members of that sub-committee.
 - (11) That members of the committee, not being members of a sub-committee, may participate in the proceedings of that sub-committee, but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (13) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of—
 - (a) submissions lodged with the Clerk of the Senate in response to public advertisements placed in accordance with the resolution of the Senate of 26 November 1981 relating to a proposed Joint Select Committee on the Electoral System, and
 - (b) the evidence and records of the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform appointed during the 33rd Parliament.
 - (14) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
 - (15) That a sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time.

- (16) That any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee report as soon as possible.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

36 VIDEO CLASSIFICATION—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operation of Regulation 4A of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations and the ACT *Classification of Publications Ordinance 1983* in relation to videotapes and videodiscs and in particular—
 - (a) the effectiveness of such legislation by comparison with previous legislation purporting to govern the importation, production, reproduction, sale and hire of violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene material;
 - (b) whether the present classification system, as applied by the Film Censorship Board, is adequate as a basis for import and point of sale controls;
 - (c) whether video retailers are observing the conditions of sale or hire attached to 'X' classified material, particularly in relation to children under 18 years;
 - (d) whether Regulation 4A of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations is adequate in identifying categories of prohibited material, and operating effectively in preventing the importation of videotapes/discs falling within the prohibited categories;
 - (e) whether children under the age of 18 years are gaining access to videotapes/discs containing violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene material;
 - (f) whether the ACT *Classification of Publications Ordinance 1983* should be amended to make it an offence for persons purchasing or hiring videotapes/discs classified above 'R' to allow, suffer or negligently permit children to view such material;
 - (g) whether cinemas should be permitted to screen for public exhibition material classified above 'R', subject to prohibition from entry of persons under the age of 18 years;
 - (h) whether films which would merit a classification above 'R' are being produced in Australia and if so whether Australian men and women are adequately protected by existing law from pressure to act in such films, and
 - (i) the likely effects upon people, especially children, of exposure to violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene material.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.

- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
- (6) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
- (7) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to move from place to place.
- (8) That the committee report as soon as possible.
- (9) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Senate Select Committee on Video Material appointed during the 33rd Parliament.
- (10) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (11) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**37 BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE—
PROPOSED REFERENCE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice,
moved—**

- (1) That the following matters be referred to the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings for inquiry and report—
 - (a) the televising of the proceedings of the Houses of the Parliament and their committees in the present and the new Parliament House, and
 - (b) the radio broadcasting of the proceedings of the Houses of the Parliament and their committees including the continuous and simultaneous broadcasting of both Houses.
- (2) That the committee, for any purposes related to this inquiry, have power—
 - (a) to appoint a sub-committee consisting of 2 or more Senators and 2 or more Members of the House of Representatives, 2 members of the sub-committee to form a quorum of the sub-committee;
 - (b) to appoint the chairman of any sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of chairman at that meeting, and
 - (c) to refer to such a sub-committee any matters into which the committee is instructed to inquire.
- (3) That a sub-committee appointed by the committee for any purposes related to this inquiry have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (4) That for any purposes related to this inquiry, the committee or any sub-committee have power:
 - (a) to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (b) to move from place to place, and
 - (c) to consider and make use of any evidence and records of the committee appointed in the 33rd Parliament.

- (5) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (6) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Question—put and passed.

38 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 54 of the *National Crime Authority Act 1984*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority shall be as follows:
 - (a) That the committee consist of 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
 - (d) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
 - (e) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chairman, or the deputy chairman when acting as chairman, have a casting vote.
 - (f) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
 - (g) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to inquire into.
 - (h) That the committee appoint a chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
 - (i) That the quorum of a sub-committee be a majority of the members of that sub-committee.
 - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may participate in the proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (k) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (l) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place.
 - (m) That a sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate or of the House of Representatives.

- (n) That a sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
 - (o) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
 - (p) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the committee appointed during the 33rd Parliament.
 - (q) That, in carrying out its duties the committee, or any sub-committee, ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest.
 - (r) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Mr N. A. Brown addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 7.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Young requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

39 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 26 February 1985, were reported acquainting the House of the appointment of Senators to the following committees:

Message—

No. 1—Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Senators Coleman and Watson.

No. 2—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senators Cooney, Georges, Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, Maguire and Watson.

No. 3—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Senators Foreman, Jones and Sheil.

40 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 25: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 25 (Standing Orders Committee) be suspended for the remainder of this session.

Question—put and passed.

41 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hunt and Mr Scholes.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives
