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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 44

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 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 FOREIGN STATES IMMUNITIES 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORA-TION AMENDMENT BILL 1985: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 119

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to reconstitute the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation, and for related purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. McCLELLAND

President

The Senate.

Canberra, 16 September 1985

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

4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RURAL INDUSTRIES RESEARCH BILL 1985: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 120

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the undertaking of research and development in relation to certain goods, and for related purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. McCLELLAND

The Senate, Canberra, 16 September 1985 President

- Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
- 5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RURAL INDUSTRIES RESEARCH (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 121

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to enact certain transitional provisions and effect certain amendments and repeals in consequence of the enactment of the 'Rural Industries Research Act 1985'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. McCLELLAND

The Senate,

President

Canberra, 16 September 1985

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

6 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

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No. 122-Tobacco Charge (No. 1) Amendment 1985 (without requests).

No. 123—Tobacco Charge (No. 2) Amendment 1985 (without requests).

No. 124—Tobacco Charge (No. 3) Amendment 1985 (without requests).

No. 125—Poultry Industry Levy Amendment 1985 (without requests).

No. 126—Poultry Industry Assistance Amendment 1985.

7 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT 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 by Mr Lloyd who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst supporting the overall aim of the Bill, the House is of the opinion that the Bill be withdrawn and, following more adequate consultation on its details with the industry and the States, be redrafted to remove its current excessive reliance on regulation, for presentation in redrafted form at the commencement of the 1986 Autumn sittings".

Debate continued.

Mr McGauran 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.

- 8 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 9 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Hostel care subsidies arrangements—Report of Joint Review, dated June 1985, together with statement by Senator Grimes, Minister for Community Services.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—62nd Annual Report, for year 1984-85.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—10th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1984-85.

- 10 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Baldwin, Mr Blanchard, Mr Cowan, Mr Dobie and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that 1989 be proposed as the International Year for Repairing the Earth and certain other action be taken in support of world peace.
 - Mr Blanchard, Ms Fatin, Mr Kerin, Ms McHugh, Mr Moore and Mr Uren from certain citizens in similar terms.
 - Mr Baldwin, Mr Gorman, Mr Hollis, Ms McHugh and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that all federal funding to children's services be restored.
 - Mr Beale and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 - Mr Drummond—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance allowance be raised to the level of the unemployment benefit.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that no change be made to the funding of local government without the consent of representatives of local government.
 - Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that sufficient funds be allocated to the Australia Council to ensure ongoing funding of State arts councils.
 - Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that there be no taxation on illness and no special taxation on those who seek to insure themselves against the cost of private health care.
 - Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
 - Mr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that any action that would give ownership of Ayers Rock and Uluru National Park to any single group be opposed.
 - Mr Everingham—from certain residents of Nhulunbuy, NT, praying that an assurance be obtained from the Northern Land Council that residents be granted unrestricted access by permit to Gove during the dry season.
 - Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the price of petrol be reduced by 3 cents per litre.
 - Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that the concessional price of fuel in rural areas be restored.
 - Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that \$20 million be restored to the ABC's budget for 1985-86 and that certain other steps be taken to ensure that ABC services are maintained.
 - Mr Hurford—from certain electors in South Australia praying that the slaughter of brumbies in North Queensland be stopped.
 - Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Government support the stand taken by the New Zealand Government on nuclear vessels and that the policy of developing zones of peace and nuclear free zones in the Indian and Pacific Oceans be implemented.
 - Mr Nehl—from certain electors of the Division of Cowper praying that any attempt to introduce additional capital gains taxes, wealth taxes or death duties be opposed and existing taxes in these areas be repealed.
 - Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that efforts for nuclear disarmament be intensified, US military bases on Australian soil be removed and the Pacific and Indian Oceans be kept nuclear free.

Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.

Mr Webster—from certain citizens praying that the previous legislation relating to the entitlements of war veterans and their dependants be restored.

Mr Webster—from certain citizens praying that income tax concessions which assist the wealthy be eliminated and that certain other action be taken in relation to the taxation and social security systems.

Mr Wilson—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the principle that pensioner patients pay no more than their pension for nursing home care be restored and that certain other action be taken in relation to nursing home benefits.

Petitions received.

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MUDGINBERRI DISPUTE:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr N. A. Brown (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The escalation of the Mudginberri dispute resulting from the failure of the Government and the ACTU to accept decisions of the Arbitration Commission and the Federal Court".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr N. A. Brown addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 12 TRANSPORT SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE: The Deputy Speaker informed the House that the National Party Whip had nominated Mr McGauran to be a member of the Standing Committee on Transport Safety in place of Mr T. A. Fischer.
- 13 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE: The Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Opposition had nominated Mr Peacock to be a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence in place of Mr Carlton.
- 14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 15 JUDICIARY AMENDMENT BILL 1985: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 69 of the *Judiciary Act* 1903, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

16 BOUNTY (COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1985: Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles) Act 1978, and for related purposes. Bill read a first time.

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

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

17 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT 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—And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Lloyd, viz.—

That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst supporting the overall aim of the Bill, the House is of the opinion that the Bill be withdrawn and, following more adequate consultation

on its details with the industry and the States, be redrafted to remove its current excessive reliance on regulation, for presentation in redrafted form at the commencement of the 1986 Autumn sittings"—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) be granted an extension of time.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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

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

*Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 68, dated 18 September 1985, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate. Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

19 SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING FACILITY, HMAS STIRLING, GARDEN ISLAND, WA—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a submarine escape training facility, HMAS Stirling, Garden Island. WA.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

20 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, HEIDELBERG, VIC.—CONSTRUCTION WORK: Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Construction of new ward block and outpatients department, Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Vic. for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

21 CENSUS AND STATISTICS 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.

Mr Langmore addressing the House-

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

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin, the Bill was read a third time.

22 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 18 September 1985:

Protection of the Sea (Discharge of Oil from Ships) Act—Protection of the Sea (Discharge of Oil from Ships) Regulations—Order—1985—No. 2—Marine, Part 90.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jull and Mr Rocher.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives