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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 51

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 1985

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Bowen (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Trade), Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Trade.
  - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 **PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:  
Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation—Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.
  - 5 **OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Acting Prime Minister) presented the following paper:  
Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—1st Report, for period 24 December 1984 to 30 June 1985.  
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 6 **ECONOMIC PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Acting Prime Minister) presented the following paper:  
Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Council—Report for 1984-85.  
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 7 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:  
Mr Beale, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Goodluck and Dr Watson—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to increase the burden of capital gains and wealth taxes be rejected.  
Mr Beale, Mr Halverson, Mr Hawker and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.  
Mr Drummond, Mr Fife and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

- Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Fife and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.
- Mr Dobie, Mr Fife and Mr Ruddock—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 Carlton and Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that the right to work be acknowledged and protected and that certain other action be taken to protect workers.
- Mr Kent and Mr Staples—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 Ruddock 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 Staples—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that all changes to benefits for veterans and conditions of service for military personnel announced in the May Economic Statement be withdrawn.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Dr Watson—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that depreciation be allowed on all buildings used to produce rental income.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the total ban on entertainment expenses be abandoned and tax deductibility be allowed for legitimate and necessary expenses.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that urgent financial assistance be provided to the sugar industry.
- Mr Burr—from certain citizens praying that the problems which identification cards are intended to reduce be attacked by other methods.
- 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 E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance allowance be raised to the level of the unemployment benefit.
- 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 Carlton—from certain citizens praying that all federal funding to children's services be restored.
- Mr Conquest—from certain citizens praying that the importation and sale of hard core pornography and grossly obscene publications be prevented and that certain other action be taken in relation to censorship.
- Mr Grace—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that no airport be built at Badgery's Creek, NSW, and surrounding districts.
- Mr Hall—from certain citizens praying that proposals for cuts in children's services be reversed.
- Mr Hall—from certain citizens praying that cuts to pre-school funding be reversed.

- Mr Hand—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 Hand—from certain citizens praying that the Fitzroy South Post Office, Vic., not be closed.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the price of petrol be reduced by 3 cents per litre and that certain other action be taken in relation to petrol pricing.
- Mr Jacobi—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.
- Mr Katter—from certain citizens praying that a service tax not be imposed.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Enterprise Migrant Hostel, Vic., be reversed.
- Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that policies which encourage the growth of a research-based pharmaceutical manufacturing industry be adopted.
- Mr MacKellar—from certain companies located in New South Wales in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Sharp—from certain citizens praying that the previous legislation relating to the entitlement of war veterans and their dependants be restored.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that compulsory identity cards not be introduced.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that there be no increase in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be re-affirmed.
- Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Dr Watson—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

Petitions received.

- 8 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRICES AND INCOMES ACCORD:** The House was informed that Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The exaggerated claims of the Government regarding the economic benefits flowing from the prices and incomes accord". The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Howard addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 148

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Companies Act 1981'*", 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  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 14 October 1985

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

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

14 October 1985—Message—

No. 149—Companies (Fees) Amendment 1985.

No. 150—Australian Federal Police Amendment 1985.

No. 151—Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Amendment 1985.

- 11 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—JOINT COMMITTEE:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), by leave, moved—That Mr MacKellar be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority in the place of Mr Spender, resigned.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION (BUDGET MEASURES) 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Willis—Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 13 **EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 5 (1985):** Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) moved Excise Tariff Proposals No. 5 (1985).

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

- 14 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION (BUDGET MEASURES) 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 Administrator:* Message No. 73, dated 4 October 1985, from His Excellency the Administrator 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 Howe (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 MacKellar addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived:* It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Mr MacKellar continued his speech.

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

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred\*, Mr Braithwaite, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Dawkins, Mr Dobie, Mr Hawke, Mr Humphreys\*, Mrs Kelly, Mr Lindsay\*, Mr McVeigh, Mr Mountford, Mr Price, Mr Rocher\*, Mr Scott and Mr White.

\* On leave

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**A. R. BROWNING**

Clerk of the House of Representatives