

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 63

TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1985

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 **INCIDENT IN CHAMBER ON 25 NOVEMBER 1985—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:**  
Mr Speaker made a statement relating to an incident which had occurred in the Chamber during the sitting on 25 November 1985, indicated that those concerned in the incident were guilty of bringing the House into disrepute and expressed the hope that any similar outrageous behaviour would not occur in the future.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **EFFICIENCY AUDITS—REPORTS OF AUDITOR-GENERAL—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Efficiency audits—Reports of the Auditor-General, dated 25 November 1985—  
Administration of quarantine services;  
Australian Wool Corporation property operations, and  
Department of Territories—ACT Internal Omnibus Network (ACTION).

Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the reports of the Auditor-General, dated 25 November 1985, upon efficiency audits of—  
Administration of quarantine services;  
Australian Wool Corporation property operations, and  
Department of Territories—ACT Internal Omnibus Network (ACTION),  
and

(2) That the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Archives Act—Australian Archives—Report for 1984-85.

Australian Overseas Projects Corporation Act—Australian Overseas Projects Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment—Report for 1984-85.

Immigration (Education) Act—Child migrant education—Report for 1984-85.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on operations of the Act and, insofar as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, for 1984-85.

Judiciary Act—Report of the Attorney-General for period 4 April 1984 to 30 June 1985.

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

**6 VIETNAM VETERANS COUNSELLING SERVICE—EVALUATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented the following paper:

Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service—Final report of Evaluation Committee (incorporating Parts 1 and 2), dated 23 September 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.

**7 FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Australia's foreign policy.

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

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

Mr Beale, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Halverson, Mr Hawke, Mr McArthur and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Fife and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Halverson and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the Government uphold the Articles of the UN Convention on Women and request the Victorian Government to repeal the *Planning (Brothels) Act 1984*.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Ruddock and Mr Shipton—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 Downer, Mr Duncan and Mr O'Neil—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the proposed Australian Bill of Rights Bill 1985 be rejected.

Mr Hand and Mr Kent—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 E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.

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 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 Conquest—from certain residents of the Division of Hinkler praying that depreciation be allowed on all buildings used to produce rental income.

Mr Conquest—from certain residents of the Division of Hinkler praying that the total ban on entertainment expenses be abandoned and tax deductibility be allowed for legitimate and necessary expenses.

Mr Conquest—from certain residents of the Division of Hinkler praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.

Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the decision to cut the funding of the Technical and Further Education Participation and Equity Program be reversed and that the Program be guaranteed funding for 1987 and beyond.

Mr Fife—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 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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Enterprise Migrant Hostel, Vic., be reversed.

Mr McGauran—from certain citizens praying that no change be made to the funding of local government without the consent of representatives of local government.

Mr Martin—from certain citizens praying that the Illawarra region's only locally-based television station not be removed from VCF to UCF transmission.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

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 Fife—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Tickner—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights, NSW.

Petitions received.

- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SMALL BUSINESS:** The House was informed that Mr Tuckey had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The damaging consequences for small business caused by the trade union domination of the Hawke Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Tuckey addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 10 **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Blanchard (Chairman) presented the report of the Select Committee on Aboriginal Education, dated September 1985, incorporating 2 dissenting reports, together with the transcript of evidence and a copy of the minutes of proceedings of the Select Committee and of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs relating to its inquiry on Aboriginal Education during the 32nd and 33rd Parliaments.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Blanchard, Mr Shipton, Mr Hand, Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 11 **ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Milton (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation:

New South Wales World Heritage properties: Commonwealth/State administrative arrangements—Report, dated November 1985, together with a copy of the minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Milton and Mr P. S. Fisher, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 12 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Nehl presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

239th Report—Expenditure from the Advance to the Minister for Finance (Appropriation Acts 1983-84)—

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

**13 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Fife, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of delegation led by the President of the Senate, Senator the Honourable Douglas McClelland, to the People's Republic of China, 30 June–10 July 1985.

Mr Fife and Mr Hicks, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

**14 STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) 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.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

**15 ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.01 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 November 1985:

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, Nos. 300, 301.

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, Nos. 302, 303.

Banks (Shareholdings) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, Nos. 299, 311.

Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Act—Regulations—  
Statutory Rules 1985, No. 310.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, Nos. 305, 306, 308.

Excise Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 307.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 298.

Registration of Deaths Abroad Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 304.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 309.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred\*, Mr Coleman, Mr Humphreys\*, Mr Punch and Mr Shack.

\* On leave

**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives