

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 80

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 1986

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **BROADCASTING OF EXCERPTS OF PROCEEDINGS—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker informed the House of the decision by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings to insert an additional condition in the guidelines governing access to proceedings of the House for the purpose of recording and broadcasting excerpts.  
Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) addressed himself to the matter.
  - 3 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY COUNCIL BILL 1986:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a council to govern the Australian Capital Territory with respect to certain matters and to make laws with respect to those matters, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Scholes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Papers:* Mr Scholes, by leave, presented the following paper:  
Australian Capital Territory Council Bill—Planning, development, lease marketing and lease management—Relationships between the Commonwealth and the ACT Council—Statement.  
Mr Scholes also presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Carlton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 4 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY COUNCIL (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1986:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to enact certain transitional provisions, and to amend certain Acts, in consequence of the enactment of the *Australian Capital Territory Council Act 1986*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Scholes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Scholes presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Lloyd), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 5 **AIR NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** 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 P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.

**6 WILDLIFE PROTECTION (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** 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 Slipper 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.

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

**8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 18 March 1986.

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 Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts—March 1986, and

(2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Commonwealth Fire Board—Report for 1984-85.

Australia and Pacific Economic Cooperation—Report by the National Pacific Cooperation Committee to the Australian Government, dated 29 October 1985.

**10 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:**

Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following papers:

National Crime Authority Act—National Crime Authority—Report for 1984-85, together with a statement by the Inter-governmental Committee on the National Crime Authority.

Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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.

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

Mr Beale, Mr Cleeland, Mr Halverson, Mr Hawker, Mr Lamb, Mr McArthur, Mr Reith and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by referendum.

Mr Cowan, Mr P. F. Morris and Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the standard pension be raised to 25% of average weekly earnings and certain other action be taken to assist pensioners and low income earners.

Mr Grace, Mr Hollis and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Government of Sri Lanka be persuaded to pursue a political solution to allow the Tamils to live in peace and dignity and certain other action be taken to aid the Tamils.

Mr Hunt and Mr Nehl—from certain electors of the Division of Cowper praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill and associated bills be rejected, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission be abolished and ratification of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights be withdrawn.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain electors of the Division of Dawson praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill not be passed.

- Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of the Division of Dawson praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.
- Mr Cleeland—from certain citizens praying that the spouse rebate be retained and certain other action be taken to assist women who choose to remain at home.
- Mr Cleeland—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 Cleeland—from certain citizens praying that sales tax be replaced by a broad based consumption tax with a uniform ad valorem rate.
- Mr Cleeland—from certain residents of Victoria praying that there be no changes to current funding arrangements of the children's services program until a full review takes place.
- Mr Cobb—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the South Dubbo Post Office, NSW, be prevented.
- 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 Free—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.
- 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 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 Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the Act of Grace grant to the family of Kevin Barlow be rescinded.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.
- Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain residents of the Division of Farrer in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the north coast of New South Wales praying that the ABC radio studio in Grafton be retained and that the Grafton City Council's submission on the second regional radio network be heeded.
- Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying for cessation of all investigations, studies and proposals for the relocation of the Army training facilities to the Central Tablelands area, NSW, including the Macquarie River.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that reference to God be included in the national anthem by 1988.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that new initiatives be taken to encourage all member states of the United Nations to conclude a treaty banning all nuclear weapons tests and that certain other action be taken in relation to nuclear weapons tests.
- Mr Tickner—from certain residents of Sutherland Shire, NSW, praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights.
- Dr Watson—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.

Dr Watson—from certain citizens praying that home loan interest rates be frozen.

Dr Watson—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

Petitions received.

**12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HIGH INTEREST RATES:**

The House was informed that Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The implications for rural and urban Australians of the Government's economic polices, particularly damaging high interest rates".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sinclair addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**13 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—GENERAL REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:**

Mr Andrew presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—49th General Report—

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

**14 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mrs

Kelly presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

244th Report—Munitions Production Trust Account—

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

**15 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1985-86—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1985-86:** Message No. 122, dated 19 March 1986, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

(a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1986, and

(b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1985-86*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1986, and for other purposes.

Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1985-86*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1986, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hurford 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.

**16 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1985-86—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1985-86:** Message No. 123, dated 19 March 1986, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

(a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986, and

- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1985-86*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986, and for other purposes.

Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1985-86*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hurford 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 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS, FOR YEAR 1985-86—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1985-86:** Message No. 124, dated 19 March 1986, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986, in relation to—
- (i) the Department of the Senate;
  - (ii) the Department of the House of Representatives;
  - (iii) the Department of the Parliamentary Library, and
  - (iv) the Joint House Department, and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1985-86*, for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986.

Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1985-86*, for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hurford 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.

**18 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**19 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1976* and the *Superannuation Act 1922*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Hurford presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 20 **AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism), for Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr J. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 21 **GRAPE RESEARCH LEVY BILL 1986:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy upon Australian grapes, and Australian grape juice, delivered to processing establishments.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr J. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 22 **GRAPE RESEARCH LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1986:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the collection of the levy imposed by the *Grape Research Levy Act 1986*.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr J. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 23 **WINE GRAPES LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Grapes Levy Act 1979*.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr J. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 24 **WINE RESEARCH REPEAL BILL 1986:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism), for Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal certain legislation relating to wine research, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr J. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 25 **TRADE PRACTICES (TRANSFER OF MARKET DOMINANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to ensure that section 50 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* does not apply to certain acquisitions.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Bowen presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 26 **TRADE PRACTICES REVISION BILL 1986:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make various amendments of the law relating to trade practices.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Bowen presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr T. A. Fischer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 27 **WILDLIFE PROTECTION (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** 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 Everingham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 28 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS ORDER OF THE DAY:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 3, general business, being called on forthwith.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 29 **PARLIAMENT (POWERS, PRIVILEGES AND 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.
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- 30 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 7.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—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.
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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 March 1986:

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts and sections of Acts shall come into operation—

*Companies and Securities Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1985*—Part II, Part III (other than sections 45, 63, 77, 78, 80, 81, 83, 116 and 131), Part IV, Part VI (other than section 162) and Part VII (other than sub-section 165 (2))—31 March 1986.

*Navigation Act 1912*—Amendments of section 6 made by the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1985*—17 March 1986.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1986—Nos. 5, 6, 9.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Coleman, Mr Gorman, Mr Millar and Mr Snow.

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A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives