

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 153

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 1987

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF CARGO HANGAR, RAAF BASE, RICHMOND, NSW:** 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 air movements cargo hangar at RAAF Base, Richmond, NSW.
Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 3 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** 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 R. J. Brown addressing the House—
It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 4 **ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN:** Ms Fatin, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House, noting the Government's objective set down in the Governor-General's speech to direct welfare assistance to the needy, believes that poverty among women in Australia is unacceptably high and, accordingly, calls on the Government to—
(1) continue to pursue wage justice for women;
(2) give women a high priority in job creation and training programs;
(3) ensure that income security payments for supporting parents and children of pensioners and beneficiaries are increased, and
(4) continue its efforts to provide adequate child care facilities throughout Australia.
Debate ensued.
It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109, as amended by sessional order.
Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notice No. 1, general business, be extended until 2 p.m.
Debate continued.
The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mrs Jakobsen was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Photographs: Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) presented 2 aerial photographs of Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam.

Questions without notice concluded.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving—That this House calls upon the Prime Minister to table the latest advice received by the Government from the Treasury and/or the Reserve Bank of Australia and the current forecasts of the Indicative Planning Council regarding the level of interest rates in Australia.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

7 INTEREST RATES—ADVICE TO GOVERNMENT: Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House calls upon the Prime Minister to table the latest advice received by the Government from the Treasury and/or the Reserve Bank of Australia and the current forecasts of the Indicative Planning Council regarding the level of interest rates in Australia.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

8 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—PAPER AND STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER: Madam Speaker (Joint Chairman) presented the following paper:

New Parliament House—Joint Standing Committee—New Parliament House project—Statement on cost savings, dated 26 February 1987—
and made a statement in connection with the paper.

Ordered—That the paper be printed.

9 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

National Crime Authority—Joint Committee—2nd Report—Government response.

Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) 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.

10 EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFICIENCY AUDITS ON THE AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented the following papers:

Expenditure—Standing Committee—Report, entitled “A taxing problem”, on efficiency audits into the Australian Taxation Office—Government response—
Government response.

Statement by Mr Keating, Treasurer.

Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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.

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

Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker and Mr Saunderson—
from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

Mr Kent, Mr Milton, Mr Scott and Mr Staples—
from certain citizens praying that importation of cobalt 60 and other radioactive substances be banned and regulations permitting irradiation of food in Australia be disallowed.

Mr Duncan, Mr Scott and Mr Staples—
from certain citizens praying that Australia use its influence to establish a nuclear test moratorium and comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.

Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker and Mr Wilson—
from certain citizens praying that deletion of the 45 commonly prescribed drugs from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reconsidered.

Mr Fife, Mr Robinson and Mr Sinclair—
from certain citizens praying that the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar, NSW, be retained.

Mr Kent, Mr Milton and Mr Staples—
from certain citizens praying that the US Government be urged to join the Soviet Union's nuclear test ban.

Mr Blunt and Mr Hawker—
from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Wannon, respectively, praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

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 Beale—from certain citizens praying that any legislation imposing capital gains tax be repealed.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the capital gains tax be repealed.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that a bill providing for a national system for therapeutic goods for human use not be introduced and that therapeutic goods continue to be freely available through present outlets.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—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 commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be opposed and certain other action be taken in relation to the Bill.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Howe—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 Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that funding be provided to improve the Pacific Highway between Port Macquarie and Woolgoolga, NSW.
- Mr O'Keefe—from certain residents of Victoria praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the Division of Page praying that government commitments to ex-servicemen and women and war widows be honoured.
- Mr Staples—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 members of La Trobe University praying that tertiary education remain free to all students.
- Mr Wright—from certain citizens praying that the Government, in co-operation with the Queensland Government, urgently provide the Woorabinda Aboriginal Council with emergency funding for new houses.

Petitions received.

- 12 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATES:** 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 crisis facing Australian families, farmers and businesses as a result of the Hawke/Keating Government's high interest rate strategy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard rising to address the House—

Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the business of the day be called on. Question—put and passed.

13 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—16TH REPORT: Mr Brumby (Chairman) presented the 16th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

16TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the committee, and papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Annual Report (34th) 1985-86.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Annual Report 1985-86.

Australian Bicentennial Road Development Trust Fund Act—Australian Bicentennial Road Development Program—Annual Report 1985-86.

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—Annual Report (23rd) 1985-86.

Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Corporation—Annual Report 1985-86.

Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Annual Report 1985-86.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Annual Report 1985-86.

Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs Act—Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—Annual Report (7th) 1985-86.

Australian Institute of Sport Act—Australian Institute of Sport—Annual Report 1985-86.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee—Annual Report 1985-86.

Australian National University Act—Australian National University—
Interim Annual Report of Council 1985 (Part 1).
Financial statements 1985 (Part 2).

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Annual Report 1985-86.

Australian Wine Research Institute—Annual Report (32nd) 1985-86.

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—Annual Report (39th) 1985-86.

Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Services Ltd—Annual Report 1985-86.

Commonwealth Fire Board—Annual Report 1985-86.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—
6th Report (1986) on Financial Assistance for the Northern Territory.

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories
Commission—Annual Report (25th) 1985-86.

Criminology Research Act—

Australian Institute of Criminology—Annual Report 1985-86.

Criminology Research Council—Annual Report 1985-86.

Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Annual Report 1985-86.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement
and Death Benefits Authority—Annual Report 1985-86.

Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Annual Report 1985-86.

Fishing Industry Act—Annual Report 1985-86.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
Authority—Annual Report 1985-86.

Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—Annual
Report (12th) 1985-86.

- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Annual Report (22nd) 1985-86.
- Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—
Report No. 22—Human rights, family migration, and disabled family members.
Report No. 23—Review of the ACT *Adoption of Children Ordinance 1965*.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
Canned Fruit (Statutory Marketing and Interim Assistance Arrangements) (Interim), dated 30 January 1987 (No. 400).
Certain Petroleum Products—Taxation Measures, dated 5 November 1986 (No. 397).
Certain Uncoated Woodfree Papers from South Africa (Anti-Dumping), dated 15 December 1986 (No. 398).
Export Concessions, dated 16 January 1987 (No. 399).
- Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Report on an investigation of the transport of bulk packaged salt, dated 17 November 1986.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Annual Report 1985-86.
- Management and Investment Companies Act—Management and Investment Companies Licensing Board—Annual Report (3rd) 1985-86.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Annual Report (29th) 1985-86.
- National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council, including a report on the operations of the *Coal Research Assistance Act 1977*—Annual Report (8th) 1985-86.
- National Measurement Act—National Standards Commission—Annual Report 1985-86.
- National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Annual Report 1985-86.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Annual Report 1985-86.
- Norfolk Island—Annual Report 1985-86.
- Phosphate Mining Company of Christmas Island Limited—Annual Report 1985-86.
- Pork Promotion Act—Pork Promotion Committee—Annual Report 1985-86.
- Public Service Act—
Department of Health—Annual Report 1985-86.
Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Review 1985-86, including a report on the operation of the Adult Migrant Education Program, pursuant to the Immigration (Education) Act.
Department of Local Government and Administrative Services—Annual Report 1985-86.
Department of the Parliamentary Library—Annual Report 1985-86.
Department of the Special Minister of State—Annual Report 1985-86.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Annual Report 1985-86.
- Rural Industries Research Act—
Australian Special Rural Research Council—Report for period 1 April to 30 June 1986.
Chicken Meat Research Council—Annual Report 1985-86.
Cotton Research Council—Annual Report 1985-86.
Dairy Research Council—Annual Report 1985-86.
Oilseeds Research Council—Annual Report 1985-86.
Pig Research Council—Annual Report 1985-86.
Poultry Research Council—Annual Report 1985-86.
Research Councils' Selection Committee—Annual Report 1985-86.
Tobacco Research Council—Annual Report 1985-86.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Annual Report 1985-86.
Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—Annual Report (16th) 1985-86.
Superannuation Act—
Commissioner for Superannuation Annual Report 1985-86 and Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Annual Report 1985-86.
Additional Statement by the Auditor-General on the Superannuation Fund Investment Trust financial statements 1985-86, dated 4 December 1986.
War Graves Act—Office of Australian War Graves—Annual Report 1985-86.
Wheat Marketing Act—Australian Wheat Board—Annual Report 1985-86.

J. M. BRUMBY
Chairman

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Mr Brumby, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:
- Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on Effects of Asbestos Mining on the Baryulgil Community—Government response—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
 - Australian Forestry Council—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Town Campers Assistance Program—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
 - Aboriginal and Islander Consultative Organisation—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
 - Better Health Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Road Safety—Standing Committee—Report on Education, Training and Licensing of Drivers—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Commission for the Future—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Telecom Australia (International) Limited—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Defence Force Discipline Act—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
 - Fisheries—Agreement Between Commonwealth and KKFC Proprietary Limited—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Bankruptcy Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Chernobyl Nuclear Accident and its Consequences—Report by Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Legal aid needs of youth—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
 - Advance Australia Foundation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Harmonization of the Customs Tariff—Report by Industries Assistance Commission—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Australian Postal Commission—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 - Australian Telecommunications Commission—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

- Administrative Review Council—Report—Review of Customs and Excise Decisions: Stage 4: Censorship—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Compensation Arising from Social Security Conspiracy Prosecutions—Commission of Inquiry—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Advisory Council for Inter-Government Relations—Review—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Advisory Council for Inter-Government Relations—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Women's Business—Report by Aboriginal Women's Task Force—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- United Nations—Conference on Disarmament—1985—Report of Australian Delegation—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Commonwealth Programs and Policy Development for Schools—Report by Commonwealth Schools Commission—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- International Labour Conference—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Nuclear energy—Agreement between Australia and Swiss Confederation—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Mechanisms for Technology Transfer into Australia—Report by Australian Science and Technology Council—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Taxation statistics 1983-84—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Indigenous resource rights and mining companies in North America and Australia—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Education resource agreements for 1986—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Human Rights Commission—Report for 1984-85—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Young Australia—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Review of repatriation hospital system—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Review of invalidity retirement benefits arrangements in the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australia's plant breeding needs—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Access and equity in the delivery of federal Government services and programs to migrants—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Environment and Conservation—Standing Committee—Report on Administration of the *Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974*—Government Response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Remuneration Tribunal—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Migration program for 1986-87—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Prosecution policy of the Commonwealth—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Telecommunications research and development in Australia—Report by Australian Science and Technology Council—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Parliament House Construction Authority—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Health Insurance Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Museum of Australia—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

British Nuclear Tests in Australia—Report of Royal Commission—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

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

26 February 1987—Message—

No. 408—Wheat Marketing Amendment 1987.

No. 409—Australian Stock Exchange and National Guarantee Fund 1987.

No. 411—Australian Protective Service 1986.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—LIQUID FUEL EMERGENCY AMENDMENT BILL 1987: Message No. 410, dated 26 February 1987, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Liquid Fuel Emergency Act 1984'*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

17 LEMONTHYME AND SOUTHERN FORESTS (COMMISSION OF INQUIRY) BILL 1987: Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Commission of Inquiry into the Lemonthyme and Southern Forests, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Cohen presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

18 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1987: 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 Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (JUDICIAL REVIEW) 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 Bowen (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

20 CUSTOMS TARIFF (URANIUM CONCENTRATE EXPORT DUTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1987: 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 Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.

21 **JURISDICTION OF COURTS (CROSS-VESTING) 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—

Statement by Minister: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, made a statement relating to proposed Government amendments to the Bill.

Debate resumed.

Papers: Mr Bowen, by leave, presented the following papers:

Explanatory memoranda to proposed amendments to the following Bills:

Jurisdiction of Courts (Cross-vesting) Bill, and

Jurisdiction of Courts (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.

Debate continued.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—

Mr Ruddock addressing the committee—

It being 10.15 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

22 **ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Papers: Mr Gorman, by leave, presented the following papers:

Mr B. C. Ruxton—War service—Copies of—

Entry relating to Mr Ruxton in *Who's Who in Australia 1985*.

Article entitled "Old diggers fighting a new war on two fronts" from *The Bulletin*, dated 3 March 1987.

Pages 510-511 of *Australia in the War of 1939-45*, Series I: Army, Vol. VII: The final campaigns, by Gavin Long.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 17 March 1987, at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 February 1987:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 23.

Bankruptcy Act—Rule—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 21.

Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 24.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 22.

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—1987—Postal (Staff)—Amendment—No. 1.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 25.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1987/1—Chief Executive Officer, Federal Airports Corporation, and holders of public offices on other bodies.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1987—

No. 4—Credit (Amendment).

No. 5—Electricity (Amendment).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dawkins, Mr Everingham, Mr Holding, Mr Jacobi, Mr Keating, Mr Kerin, Mr Rocher, Mr Scholes, Mr Tuckey and Mr Young.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives