

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 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 ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, moved—That Mr R. J. Brown be appointed a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts.  
Question—put and passed.
- 3 **STANDING COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP:** Madam Speaker informed the House of the nominations of Members to be members of the following Standing Committees:  
*Standing Committee on Infrastructure:*  
Mr Hollis had been nominated by the Government Whip in place of Mrs Jakobsen.  
*Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs:*  
Mr Tickner had been nominated by the Government Whip in place of Mr Hollis.  
*Standing Committee on Community Affairs:*  
Mr Katter had been nominated by the National Party Whip in place of Mr Cowan.
- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
27 October 1987—Message No. 27—Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment 1987.
- 5 **MIGRATION 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 by Mr Cadman who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the imposition of a fee of \$5 on Australian citizens returning to their own country by international air travel is an obnoxious attack on the fundamental right of Australians to enter their own country".  
*Paper:* Dr Theophanous, by leave, presented the following paper:  
Immigration—Reviews and appeals: Reconsideration of Migration Act decisions by the Immigration Review Panel—Pamphlet published by the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs—Edition No. 3, dated September 1987.  
Debate continued.  
Mr Sciacca 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.

**6 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:

Share market collapse—Copy of letter from Sir Roderick Carnegie, President, Business Council of Australia, to Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, dated 26 October 1987.

Questions without notice continued.

**7 PAPER:** Madam 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, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.

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

Australian Capital Territory—

Building Review Committee—Report for 1986-87.

Building Standards Committee—Report for 1986-87.

Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for period 13 June 1986 to 31 March 1987.

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

Mr Adermann, Mr Blunt, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Courtice, Mr Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Sharp and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the major recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on the Human Embryo Experimentation Bill 1985 be implemented without delay.

Mr Beale, Mr Halverson, Mr Jenkins, Mr Kent, Mr Saunderson and Mr Scott—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 I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cobb and Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens; and Mr Cowan and Mr Howard—from certain residents from the Divisions of Lyne and Page, respectively, praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

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

Mr Connolly, Mr Dobie, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Porter and Mr Sharp—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken within the Australian Taxation Office and other departments to counter tax evasion and fraudulent practices.

Mr Halverson, Mr Hunt, Mr Ruddock and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.

Mr Beale, Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the circulation of X-rated videos be prevented and laws regarding obscenity in the media be revived and enforced.

Mr Cobb and Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain citizens praying that the problems which identification cards are intended to reduce be attacked by other methods.

Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that the decision by the ABC not to televise the 1988 Jack High Bowling Tournament be reversed.

Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.

- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the Industrial Relations Bill be rejected.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that Telecom not proceed with timing local telephone calls.
- Mr Cobb—from certain citizens praying that any endeavour to introduce compulsory identification cards cease.
- Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that amendments to ACT legislation and customs regulations which permit the distribution of pornographic material be reversed.
- Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that the importation and possession of child pornography be made a criminal offence and certain other action be taken in relation to pornography in the ACT.
- Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the Kurnell peninsula, NSW, be rezoned.
- Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the Gymea Bay post office, NSW, be prevented.
- Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Howard—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.
- Mr Jenkins—from certain citizens praying that the pension discounting effect of the Superannuation and Other Benefits Legislation Amendment Act be limited to restore the base level for pension adjustment and certain other action be taken in relation to the Commonwealth occupational superannuation schemes.
- 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 Langmore—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the present stallholders of the Belconnen and Fyshwick markets be given first option on the sale of the markets.
- Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent the implementation of the Australia Card legislation.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the Lucas Heights nuclear reactor be closed down immediately and permanently.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that effective action be taken against the promotion of tobacco.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that notice be given to terminate the lease of the US base at Pine Gap before October 1986.

Petitions received.

- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FISCAL AND WAGES POLICIES:** The House was informed that Mr Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to revise its fiscal and wages policies in the face of adverse internal and external pressures emanating from the fall of the stock market".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 WAR CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Crimes Act 1945*. 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 Reith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 13 **FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA (ADDITIONAL JURISDICTION AND EXERCISE OF POWERS) BILL 1987:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the transfer of certain proceedings from the Federal Court of Australia to the Family Court of Australia and the exercise of certain jurisdiction and powers of the Family Court, and for other purposes.

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 Reith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 **EXTRADITION BILL 1987:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the extradition of persons to and from Australia.

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 Reith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 15 **EXTRADITION (REPEAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1987:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal or amend certain laws in consequence of the enactment of the *Extradition Act 1987*, and for related purposes.

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 Reith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 **FISHERIES AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fisheries Act 1952* to give effect to certain obligations that Australia has as a party to the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Mr P. F. Morris presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 17 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 18 **MIGRATION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Cadman, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the imposition of a fee of \$5 on Australian citizens returning

to their own country by international air travel is an obnoxious attack on the fundamental right of Australians to enter their own country”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 76

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mountford
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mr Johns	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 Kerin	Mr Punch
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Saunderson
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Scott
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Lavarch	Mr Simmons
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Clelland	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Hayden	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Ms Crawford	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Mildren	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys	Mr Milton	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young

NOES, 54

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Andrew*	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr Blunt	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Robinson	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Connolly	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack	

\* 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Cadman moved the following amendment: Clause 9, page 3, lines 35-38, omit proposed subparagraph 67 (1) (ac) (i).

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55

Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson	Dr Woods
Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cowan	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 76

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bilney	Mr Duncan	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil
Mr Blanchard	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Punch
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cleland	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Courtice	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Ms Crawford	Mr Hollis	Mr Mildren	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Milton	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wright
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill further debated and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Young (Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: Message No. 28, dated 28 October 1987, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that it had referred the following matter to the Joint Committee on Electoral Matters for inquiry and report: Constitution Alteration (Democratic Elections) Bill 1987.

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

28 October 1987—Message—

No. 29—Sea Installations 1987.

No. 30—Sea Installations Levy 1987 (*without requests*).

No. 31—Sea Installations (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1987.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Administrator was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

28 October 1987—Message No. 9—Loan 1987.

- 22 **TELEVISION LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1987:** Mr Duncan (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Television Licence Fees Act 1964*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 23 **RADIO LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1987:** Mr Duncan (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Radio Licence Fees Act 1964*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 24 **BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1987:** Mr Duncan (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Act 1942*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 25 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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—

Mr Tuckey addressing the House—

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

Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Mr Tuckey continued his speech.

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

- 26 **GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE—INDUSTRIAL ACTION—STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Deputy Speaker made a statement relating to industrial action being taken at the Government Printing Office which would result in disruption to the production of *Hansard* and affect the printing of the Notice Paper for 29 October 1987.

- 27 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 October 1987:

Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act --

Certificate pursuant to paragraph 9 (1) (b), dated 28 October 1987.

Determination pursuant to subsection 9 (3), dated 28 October 1987.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Dawkins, Mr Hawke, Mr Jones, Mr Moore, Mr Prosser and Mr Snowdon.

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**A. R. BROWNING**

Clerk of the House of Representatives