

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 22

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 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 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEES—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 37

Madam Speaker,

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives of the following Resolution agreed to by the Senate this day:

- (1) That the Standing Committee on Infrastructure, when considering the matters referred to it on 26 October 1987, viz:
 

“All notices of intention to modify or vary the plan of lay-out of the city of Canberra and its environs, and all modifications and variations of that plan, under section 12A of the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*”,

be empowered to sit as a joint committee with the Standing Committee on Infrastructure of the House of Representatives when that Committee is considering those matters.
- (2) That the joint committee appoint as its chairman the Chairman of the Senate Committee or the Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee.
- (3) That the quorum of the joint committee be 2 Senators and 2 Members of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That a sub-committee of the Senate Committee, when considering the matters referred to in paragraph (1), be empowered to sit with a sub-committee of the House of Representatives Committee, when that sub-committee is considering those matters, as a sub-committee of the joint committee.
- (5) That a Senator who is not a member of the Senate Committee may attend a meeting of the joint committee or a sub-committee, with the approval of the joint committee or sub-committee, and participate in its proceedings and deliberations, but may not vote.
- (6) That nothing in this resolution be taken to affect the power of the Senate Committee to consider the matters referred to in paragraph (1) or its duty to report to the Senate on those matters.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in paragraphs (2) to (5), inclusive, of this Resolution.

KERRY SIBRAA  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 3 November 1987

Ordered—That consideration of the message be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**3 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate, dated 3 November 1987, were reported—

- (a) concurring in paragraph (2) of the resolution of the House relating to the use by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory appointed during previous Parliaments, and agreeing that the provisions of the resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders—Message No. 38.
- (b) returning the Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Amendment 1987 (without requests)—Message No. 39.

**4 HOUSING ASSISTANCE 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 Porter who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of this Bill, the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for its further intrusion into State housing programs involving more administrative duplication and waste; and
- (2) believes greater responsibility for the provision of housing should rest with the States who are in the best position to address their communities’ needs”.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 70

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

NOES, 56

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

\* 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.

*Message from the Administrator:* Message No. 14, dated 21 October 1987, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health), the Bill was read a third time.

5 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

6 **MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES LEGISLATION 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.

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 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Bowen (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Resources) was acting as Minister for Primary Industries and Energy.

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

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

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—14th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.

Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report on the Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme for 1986-87.

10 **INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented the following papers:

Industries Assistance Commission Act—

Industries Assistance Commission—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.

Statement pursuant to section 45 relating to action taken during 1986-87 in respect of reports made to the Minister by the Industries Assistance Commission.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), 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 Cadman, Mr Cobb, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Webster—from certain citizens; and Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Cowan—from certain residents of the Divisions of Maranoa and Lyne, respectively, praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

Mr Macphee—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr Beale, Mr Jenkins, Mr Milton 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 Beale, Mr Macphee, 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 I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Robinson and Mr Ruddock—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 Braithwaite and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Card legislation be withdrawn.

Mr Macphee and Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.

Mr Porter and Mr White—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 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 Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that Telecom not proceed with timing local telephone calls.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—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—from certain citizens praying that any endeavour to introduce compulsory identification cards cease.

Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that items covering the treatment of sun damaged skin and warts by specialists be reinstated on the medical benefits schedule.

Mrs Kelly—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the proposed high rise development between the Boulevard and the CAGA Centre, ACT, not proceed.

Mrs Kelly—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 O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that all action to close Telecom business offices cease immediately.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that notice be given to terminate the lease of the US base at Pine Gap.

Petitions received.

## 12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC STRATEGIES:

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 increased vulnerability of the Australian economy as a consequence of the continuing high risk economic strategies of the Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1987:**  
 Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various laws relating to community services and health, and for related purposes.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Dr Blewett presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Blunt), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 RIVER MURRAY WATERS AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr P. F. Morris (Acting Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), for Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve an agreement for the amendment of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, with regard to the River Murray, the Menindee Lakes and other waters, to amend the *River Murray Waters Act 1983*, 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 T. A. Fischer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 DAIRY PRODUCE AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr P. F. Morris (Acting Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), for Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Act 1986*.  
 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 I. M. D. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES LEGISLATION 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 Resources), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1987:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), for Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to social security and veterans' entitlements and other related matters.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Humphreys moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Humphreys 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.
- 18 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1987:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973* and the *National Health Act 1953*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Humphreys moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

19 **OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE 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 Carlton 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) its arbitrary and unnecessary restrictions on the rights of tertiary institutions to attract fee paying students from overseas; and
- (2) refusing admission into tertiary education to Australian students who are not awarded a free place but who are prepared to pay a fee for admission on the same basis as overseas students”.

Debate continued.

Mr Cobb addressing the House—

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

Mr Hand (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hand, the Bill was read a third time.

20 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Hand (Minister for Aboriginal 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.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 November 1987:

Export Inspection Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 253.

Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 250.

Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 251.

Export Inspection (Service Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 252.

Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 249.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Cohen, Mr Dawkins,

Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Hawke, Mr Jones, Mr Katter, Mr Kerin, Mr Langmore  
and Mr Miles.

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