

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 32

TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 1987

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPER:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:
Parliamentary Privileges Bill 1987—Erratum to explanatory memorandum.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
International Labour Organisation—International Labour Conference—72nd session, 1986—
Australian delegation report.
Convention—162—Asbestos Convention, 1986.
Recommendation—172—Asbestos Recommendation, 1986.
Statement by Mr Willis, Minister for Industrial Relations.
Public Service Act—Department of Local Government and Administrative Services—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.
- 5 **EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AVIATION INDUSTRY INQUIRY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**
Mr Duncan (Minister for Land Transport and Infrastructure Support) presented the following paper:
Expenditure—Standing Committee—Report on the aviation industry inquiry, entitled “No port in a storm: Report on the Darling Harbour fiasco”—
Government response.
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **TRANSPORT SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SPORTS AVIATION SAFETY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**
Mr Duncan (Minister for Land Transport and Infrastructure Support) presented the following paper:
Transport Safety—Standing Committee—Report on sports aviation safety—
Government response.
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **PRIME MINISTER—OVERSEAS VISIT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning his official

visit to Singapore, the Soviet Union and Japan and presented the following paper:

Singapore lecture 1987—Speech by Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, on 27 November 1987, entitled "The challenge of change in the Asia-Pacific region".

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

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

Mr Andrew, Mr Beale, Mr N. A. Brown, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fife, Mr McVeigh, Mr Moore and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken in the ACT in relation to loitering, consumption of alcohol by under age persons and the production, sale and distribution of material depicting violence.

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

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Maranoa in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Beale, Mr Kent 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 Hawker, Mr Rocher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.

Mr Beale and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens praying that all bans on smoking in the workplace and on domestic air travel be lifted and discriminatory smoking legislation not proceed.

Mr Dobie and Mr Hawker—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 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 J. J. Brown—from certain citizens and permanent residents praying that the provision of TAFE Adult Migrant Education Program English language classes on Christmas Island continue.

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

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

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.

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

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the Gynea Bay post office, NSW, be prevented.

Mr Hunt—from certain residents of the Division of Gwydir praying that a wealth tax not be introduced.

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 McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent the implementation of the Australia Card legislation.

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

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

Mr Porter—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 Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Card Bill be withdrawn and, if reintroduced, be rejected.

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

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

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

Petitions received.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY:

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 hypocrisy of the Government with its infinite capacity to preach to others but limited capacity to apply the lessons of economic rationality and sane policies to the Australian economy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sinclair addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1987: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

11 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr R. J. Brown, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the European Parliamentary Institutions, the North Atlantic Assembly and Finland, 1987—Report.

Mr R. J. Brown, Mr A. A. Morris and Mr Adermann, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

12 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1987—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS:

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendments made by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 2, paragraph 4 (a), proposed new subsection 85 (2AB), lines 32 to 37, leave out the proposed new subsection, insert the following subsections:

“(2AB) Before making a declaration under subsection (2AA), the Minister shall obtain the advice in writing of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee in relation to the proposed declaration.

“(2AC) An advice under subsection (2AB) shall be laid before each House of the Parliament with the declaration under subsection (2AA) to which the advice relates.”.

No. 2—Page 7, paragraph 8 (1) (a), line 9, leave out “subsection” (second occurring), insert “subsections”.

No. 3—Page 7, paragraph 8 (1) (a), after proposed subsection 101 (2), insert the following new subsection:

“(2AA) Appointments to the Committee under paragraph (2) (b) shall be such that when a person or persons is or are members of the Committee because of an appointment or appointments under that paragraph, the person, or one of the persons, shall have been nominated for appointment:

- (a) by the members of the association in Australia that is known as the Doctors’ Reform Society; or
- (b) if the members of that association form an incorporated body having substantially the same purposes as that association, by that incorporated body.”.

Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Ruddock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Humphreys, the House adopted the report.

- 13 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, CHATSWOOD, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Fitout of accommodation for the Department of Administrative Services, Chatswood, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Macphee, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the European Parliamentary Institutions, the North Atlantic Assembly and Finland, 1987.

- 15 **AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION 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 having been resumed by Mr Jull—

Adjournment negated: It being 10.15 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 negated.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr I. M. D. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Hand (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 December 1987:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to failure to furnish periodic report within specified period—Affirmative Action Agency—Report for year ended 31 May 1987.

Environment Protection (Nuclear Codes) Act—Order pursuant to subsection 9 (1), dated 18 November 1987.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cohen, Mr Gayler, Mr Hayden, Mr Milton, Mr Sciacca and Mr Shack.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives