

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 45

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 1988

- 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 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.
 Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1985-86.
 Fisheries Act—Copy of agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and KKFC Proprietary Limited, dated 28 January 1988.
 Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Transport containers, dated 22 February 1988 (No. 409).
 National Health and Medical Research Council—Report—102nd session, Canberra, November 1986.
 National Library Act—National Library of Australia—27th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.
- 4 **BANKRUPTCY ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1985-86.
 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.
- 5 **AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.
 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.
- 6 **INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—TRANSPORT CONTAINERS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Transport containers, dated 22 February 1988 (No. 409).
 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.

- 7 DEFENCE POLICY—PROGRESS REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the Government's defence policy and the implementation of the Defence White Paper, and presented the following paper:
 Defence policy—Progress report—Ministerial statement, 22 March 1988.
 Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Humphreys, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for McPherson speaking for a period not exceeding 34 minutes.
 Question—put and passed.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mrs Kelly—Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 128, dated 17 March 1988, from the Senate was reported returning the Family Court of Australia (Additional Jurisdiction and Exercise of Powers) Bill 1987 and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendments made by the House on amendments Nos. 4, 5, 9, and 20 of the Senate.
- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LIVING STANDARDS OF AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES:** 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 damage done by failed Labor policies to the living standards of Australian families".
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Howard addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 10 ARMY LIVING-IN ACCOMMODATION—UPGRADE—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: Upgrade of Army living-in accommodation at various locations Australia-wide.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 11 DEFENCE POLICY—PROGRESS REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented this day*), viz.:
 Defence policy—Progress report—Ministerial statement, 22 March 1988—
 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Punch—Minister for the Arts and Territories), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 LAYING CHICKEN LEVY BILL 1988:** 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 Punch (Minister for the Arts and Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

13 LAYING CHICKEN LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1988: 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Punch (Minister for the Arts and Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

14 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT BILL 1988: 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.

Mrs Jakobsen addressing the House—

15 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.54 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 March 1988:

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—1988—Postal—Amendment No. 2.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 81.

Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendment No. 52.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Brumby, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Dawkins, Mr Duffy, Mr Fife and Mr Kerr.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives