

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 107

TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 1989

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE N. LEMMON):** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable N. Lemmon, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death on Monday, 20 March 1989, of Nelson Lemmon, a former Member of this House for the Division of Forrest from 1943 to 1949 and for the Division of St George from 1954 to 1955 and a former Minister for Works and Housing from 1 November 1946 to 19 December 1949, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

And Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

3 **MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, following the resignation on 28 March 1989 of Mr Punch (Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support), he would be recommending to His Excellency the Governor-General the following ministerial appointments:

Mrs Kelly to be Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support; and Mr Sinmons to be Minister for Defence Science and Personnel.

The Prime Minister indicated that he had proposed to the Governor-General that the swearing-in take place on 6 April 1989 and, until the appointments were made, Mr Willis (Minister for Transport and Communications) would be responsible for the matters normally handled by the Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support.

Mr Hawke also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations), Mr Willis was acting as Minister for Industrial Relations.

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

Paper: Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) presented the following paper:

National Safety Council of Australia operations at RAAF bases—Minute to Minister from Air Marshall R. G. Funnell, Chief of Air Staff, dated 4 April 1989.

Question; without notice continued.

5 ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—REPORT OF AUDITOR-GENERAL—CORRIGENDA—PRINTING OF PAPER: Madam Speaker presented the following paper:

Aboriginal Development Commission and Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Special audit report of the Auditor-General, dated 9 March 1989—Corrigenda.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the corrigenda be printed.
Question—put and passed.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Advance Australia Logo Protection Act—Advance Australia Foundation—Report for 1987-88.

Advance to the Minister for Finance—
Statement for February 1989.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during February 1989.

Australian Bicentennial Road Development Trust Fund Act—Australian Bicentennial Road Development Program—Report for 1987-88.

Australia's population trends and prospects 1988—Report, including special topic: Australia's State Capital Cities.

Broadcasting Act—Special Broadcasting Service—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.

Fishing Industry Act—Report for 1987-88.

International Labour Organisation—International Labour Conference—
73rd session, 1987—Australian delegation report.

74th (Maritime) session, 1987—

Conventions—

163—Seafarers' Welfare, 1987.

164—Health Protection and Medical Care (Seafarers), 1987.

165—Social Security (Seafarers) (Revised), 1987.

166—Repatriation of Seafarers (Revised), 1987.

Recommendations—

173—Seafarers' Welfare, 1987.

174—Repatriation of Seafarers, 1987.

Tabling statement relating to instruments adopted by the Conference.

National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council—Report, including a report on the operations of the Coal Research Assistance Act, for 1987-88.

National Library Act—National Library of Australia—28th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.

Overseas Professional Qualifications—Council—Report for 1987-88.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for period 1 January to 30 June 1988.

7 PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS PRICING AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for period 1 January to 30 June 1988.

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

8 PAPER: Mr White, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

AAP Defence report misinterpreted—Media release by Mr White, dated 25 March 1989.

9 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

13 March 1989—Message No. 183—Administrative Services Legislation Amendment 1989.

16 March 1989—Message—

No. 184—Transport Legislation Amendment 1989.

No. 185—

Ozone Protection 1989.

Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Imports) 1989.

Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Manufacture) 1989.

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (General Capital Increase) 1989.

No. 186—

Taxation Laws Amendment 1989.

Australian Sports Commission 1989.

No. 187—States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) 1989.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MICROECONOMIC 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 urgent need for the Government to implement microeconomic policies to prevent the high rate of inflation and high interest rates further undermining living standards".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the construction of National Biological Standards Laboratory, Symonston, ACT (4th report of 1989).

Report relating to CSIRO laboratories site redevelopment, Stage 1, North Ryde, NSW (5th report of 1989).

Report relating to the construction of a shell filling facility for Munitions Filling Factory, St Marys, NSW (6th report of 1989).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

12 STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1989: 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 Beale, 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 condemns the Government for:*

(1) its inability to appreciate the special needs for assistance for students from rural areas; and

(2) the turmoil caused by its policies on, and administration of, assistance for students in higher education institutions"—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr Sanderson
Mr Bilney	Mr Duffy	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sawford
Mr Blanchard	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bowen	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Klugman	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Free	Mr Lamb*	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Gayler	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Mr Charles	Mr Gear	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mrs Harvey	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Courtice	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr Wright
Ms Crawford	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Duncan (Minister for Employment and Education Services), the Bill was read a third time.

13 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

14 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (URANIUM CONCENTRATE EXPORT DUTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** 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 McGauran 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 Government should be condemned for:

- (1) imposing a discriminatory levy upon one operation alone at a time when Australia's uranium exporters are struggling to remain competitive in the international market and are already overburdened by excessive taxes and charges; and
- (2) its ideological approach to the development of Australia's uranium industry which has resulted in an economically absurd ‘three mine policy’”.

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 Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

15 QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1989: 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 Blunt 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 calls on the Government to recognise the urgent need to provide additional capital resources for Qantas and overcome ideological objections to the sale of shares in the airline to its staff and the Australian public”.

Debate continued.

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

Debate ensued.

Statement by Madam Speaker: Madam Speaker informed the House of the forthcoming retirement of Mrs J. Frost, referred to her service in the Parliamentary Catering Service since 1952 and extended best wishes to her.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 April 1989:

- Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to failure to furnish periodic report within specified period—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1987-88.
- Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act—General Conditions of grants of financial assistance under Part III of Act, dated 15 December 1988.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for the collection of information—1989—No. 6—Trade Union Census.
- Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 30.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 66—Courses and Awards Amendment 1988.
- Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement of disclosure of information—1989—No. 2—List of names and addresses of Victorian State public sector agencies for Department of Management and Budget, Victoria.
- Civil Aviation Act—
 - Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—1989—Parts—
 - 40—Amendments—Nos. 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113.
 - 45—Flight Crew Standards—Synthetic Flight Trainers—General.
 - 60—Amendment No. 10.
 - 81—Amendment No. 1.
 - 82—Amendment No. 7.
 - 95—Amendments—Nos. 48, 49.
 - 105—Amendments, dated 1, 2, 8 (3), 10, 13 (2), 17 and 21 (2) March 1989.
 - 106—Amendments, dated 3, 10 and 21 March 1989.

- 107—Amendments, dated 10 and 22 March 1989.
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 31.
- Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 32.
- Copyright Act—Declarations (2) pursuant to paragraph 10A (1) (b), dated 6 January 1989.
- Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1989—
- No. 9—High Electricity Charges Allowance (Revocation) and Airconditioning Allowance (Revocation).
 - No. 10—Airconditioning Allowance.
 - No. 11—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.
 - No. 12—Cadet Forces Allowance.
 - No. 13—Temporary Rental Allowance.
 - No. 14—Overseas Living Allowance and other allowances.
 - No. 16—Isolated Establishment Allowance.
 - No. 17—Namibia Allowance.
 - No. 18—Recreation Leave and other allowances.
 - No. 19—Separation Allowance.
 - No. 20—Temporary Accommodation Allowance.
 - No. 21—Salary of Permanent Force Members.
 - No. 25—Flying Allowance (Revocation) and Tindal Allowance.
 - No. 28—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.
 - No. 29—Temporary Rental Allowance.
- Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Order—1989—No. 1—Game, Poultry and Rabbit Meat as amended (Amendment).
- Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 7 (1).
- Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts and sections of Acts shall come into operation—
- Community Services and Health Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1988—* Sections 27 and 36—15 March 1989.
 - OTC (Conversion into Public Company) Act 1988—* Subsection 8 (1)—16 March 1989.
 - Subsections 7 (2) and 8 (2) and sections 9, 11 to 22 (inclusive) and 25—1 April 1989.
 - Trade Practices Act 1974—*Amendment made by the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1987—*1 April 1989.
- Public Service Act—Determinations—1989—Nos. 24, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Determinations—
- 1988/22—Managing Director, Film Australia Pty Ltd and holders of public offices on other bodies.
 - 1989/1—Privacy Commissioner and holders of public offices on other bodies.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
- Agents Ordinance—Declaration pursuant to subsection 3 (2)—1989—No. 1.
 - Determination listing fees for the purposes of the following Ordinances—
 - 1988—No. 56—ACT Institute of Technical and Further Education.
 - 1989—No. 1—Schools Authority.
- States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments to the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States, dated 2 March 1989.
- Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 33.
- Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Corporation—By-laws—Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 87.
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Goodluck, Mr Langmore, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr J. L. Scott and Mr Uren.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives