

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 112

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 1989

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER 48A:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That sessional order 48A (adjournment of House) be suspended for this sitting.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.
- 3 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 4 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1988-89:** 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 Dr Hewson, 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 notes that:
- (1) budget estimates put Commonwealth Government outlays at over a quarter of Australia’s GDP, and that this is funded by revenue collection that has made this the highest taxing Government in the post-war history of Australia;
 - (2) the Government’s budget strategy is in tatters with its key forecasts on inflation and the balance of payments wildly off-track;
 - (3) the Government is locked into a strategy of sole reliance on monetary policy and high interest rates to bring the economy back on track with the result that home loan interest rates are now at their highest level in Australia’s history; and
 - (4) the process of micro-economic reform has stalled with the Government either stopping or delaying much needed structural policies which are crucial if Australia is to increase productivity and to reduce its unsustainably high level of foreign debt”—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr Burr	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Pratt	Mr White
Mr D. M. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Shack	
Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp	

* 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.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr D. M. Cameron addressing the House—

It being past 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.

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

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

Audit Act—Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.

Commonwealth criminal law—Review Committee—Interim reports—

Computer crime, dated November 1988.

Detention before charge, dated March 1989.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Equal Employment Opportunity—Report for 1987-88.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—ACT Institute of Technical and Further Education Ordinance—Statement relating to the formation of a company.

- 7 JOINT SELECT AND STANDING COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP:** The House was informed of the nominations of Members to be members of the following committees:

Tenure of Appointees to Commonwealth Tribunals—Joint Select Committee:

Mr Bilney, Dr Klugman and Mr J. L. Scott had been nominated by the Government Whip, Dr H. R. Edwards had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Nehl had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee:

Mr R. F. Edwards had been nominated by the Government Whip in place of Mr Simmons.

- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AVIATION POLICIES:** The House was informed that Mr Blunt had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The chaos in Australian aviation because of the failure of the Government's policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Blunt addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 SELECTION COMMITTEE—AMENDED REPORT:** Mr McLeay (Chairman) presented the amended report of the Selection Committee relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m., on Thursday, 13 April 1989, and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 6 April 1989.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1988-89:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—

Debate resumed.

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

- 11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1988-89:** 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 P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1988-89:** 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 P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 to 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 14 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

Mr McGauran 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 view that fees and securities to be set by regulation in respect of petroleum exploration activities should never exceed the relevant minimum administrative costs incurred by the Commonwealth, the States or the Northern Territory in carrying out their respective obligations under the legislation”.

Debate adjourned (Mr Cunningham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 15 **CO-OPERATIVE SCHEME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws relating to companies, securities and the futures industry, 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 following Bills:

Co-operative Scheme Legislation Amendment 1989.

Companies (Fees: Taxation Component) 1989.

Companies (Acquisition of Shares—Fees: Taxation Component) 1989.

Securities Industry (Fees: Taxation Component) 1989.

Futures Industry (Fees: Taxation Component) 1989.

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

- 16 **COMPANIES (FEES: TAXATION COMPONENT) BILL 1989:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose some of the fees prescribed under the *Companies (Fees) Act 1981*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 **COMPANIES (ACQUISITION OF SHARES—FEES: TAXATION COMPONENT) BILL 1989:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose some of the fees prescribed under the *Companies (Acquisition of Shares—Fees) Act 1980*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 18 **SECURITIES INDUSTRY (FEES: TAXATION COMPONENT) BILL 1989:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose some of the fees prescribed under the *Securities Industry (Fees) Act 1980*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 19 **FUTURES INDUSTRY (FEES: TAXATION COMPONENT) BILL 1989:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose some of the fees prescribed under the *Futures Industry (Fees) Act 1986*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 20 **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS BILL 1989:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to give effect to the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr R. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

21 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)

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 McGauran, 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 view that fees and securities to be set by regulation in respect of petroleum exploration activities should never exceed the relevant minimum administrative costs incurred by the Commonwealth, the States or the Northern Territory in carrying out their respective obligations under the legislation”—

Debate resumed.

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 Holding (Minister for the Arts and Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

22 TRADE PRACTICES (INTERNATIONAL LINER CARGO SHIPPING) 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 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 regrets the fact that the Government has failed to achieve micro-economic reform in the transport sector, a matter of such vital importance to the Australian economy”.

Debate continued.

Mr Kerr was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

Suspension of sitting: At 7.07 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At 7.30 p.m., Madam Speaker resumed the Chair.

23 ECONOMIC STATEMENT, APRIL 1989—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Keating (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning wage and taxation policies and presented the following papers:

Economic statement, April 1989—

Statement; and

Taxation of foreign source income: An information paper—
and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition speaking for a period not exceeding 23 minutes when the debate is resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Howard—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

24 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Award restructuring: The task ahead—Report circulated by Mr P. F. Morris, Minister for Industrial Relations.

Improving Australia's training system—Report circulated by Mr Dawkins, Minister for Employment, Education and Training.

Towards a fairer Australia: Social justice measures—Economic statement, dated April 1989.

25 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (RATES AND REBATES) BILL 1989: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

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

26 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989: Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security and veterans' affairs, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Howe 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.

27 ADJOURNMENT: Mrs Kelly (Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.30 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 April 1989:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1989—No. 7—Victorian Social Survey.

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement of disclosure of information—1989—No. 3—List of names and addresses of agricultural establishments for Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr P. S. Fisher and Mr Uren*.

* On leave

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Clerk of the House of Representatives