

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 133

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 1989

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

2 **SPEAKER—RESIGNATION—ACCEPTANCE BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** The following communication from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read at the Table by the Clerk:

I desire to inform the House of Representatives that I have received a letter dated 28 August 1989 from the Honourable Joan Child, MP, tendering her resignation as Speaker of the House of Representatives, and that I have accepted her resignation.

Accordingly, I invite the House to elect a new Speaker.

BILL HAYDEN
Governor-General

Government House,
Canberra.
28 August 1989.

3 **ELECTION OF SPEAKER:** Mr Free, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr McLeay, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Lee.

Mr McLeay informed the House that he accepted nomination.

Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition), addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr Rocher, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Blunt (Leader of the National Party of Australia).

Mr Rocher informed the House that he accepted nomination.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, the Clerk reported the result, as follows:

Mr McLeay 78 votes

Mr Rocher 60 votes.

Mr McLeay was thereupon declared elected as Speaker, and Mr Free and Mr Lee conducted him to the Chair.

Mr McLeay returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Blunt (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and Mr Rocher congratulated Mr Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

4 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) stated that he had ascertained that it would be His Excellency the Governor-General's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Members' Hall.

Mr Speaker, thereupon, went with the Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Members' Hall, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him.

5 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Mr Speaker informed the House that, in view of his election as Speaker, the office of Chairman of Committees was now vacant.

Mr Gear then moved—That Mr R. F. Edwards be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Dr Charlesworth.

Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved—That Mr Millar be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Fife.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, Mr Speaker reported the result, as follows:

Mr R. F. Edwards 77 votes

Mr Millar 60 votes.

Mr R. F. Edwards was thereupon declared elected as Chairman.

Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Blunt (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and Mr Millar congratulated Mr R. F. Edwards, who made his acknowledgments to the House.

6 DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES: The following warrant nominating Deputy Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid upon the Table by Mr Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate—

John Neil Andrew,
Cecil Allen Blanchard,
David Bruce Cowan,
Elaine Elizabeth Darling,
James Donald Mathieson Dobie,
Colin Hollis,
John Barry Mildren,
Percival Clarence Millar,
John Graham Mountford, and
Allan Charles Rocher

to act as Deputy Chairmen of Committees when requested to do so by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand on 29 August 1989.

LEO MCLEAY
Speaker

7 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

8 PAPER: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Public Service Act—Department of the House of Representatives—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.

9 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 1—1989-90—Department of Defence: Audit of overseas procurement—Europe.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the report of the Auditor-General, dated 29 August 1989, on audits, examinations and inspections carried out under the provisions of the Audit Act on the Department of Defence—Audit of overseas procurement—Europe; and
- (2) That the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

10 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:

Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988.

11 **ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME—POLICY INFORMATION PAPER—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health) presented the following paper:

National HIV/AIDS strategy—A policy information paper, dated August 1989. Dr Blewett, by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of a national strategy for the management of AIDS during the next stages of the epidemic.

Mr Shack, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AIRLINE PILOTS' DISPUTE:**

The House was informed that Mr Reith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Hawke Government's industrial relations policy which has led to the massive disruption caused by the airline pilots' dispute".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Reith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON TENURE OF APPOINTEES TO COMMONWEALTH TRIBUNALS:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 444

Madam Speaker,

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day:

That the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Select Committee on Tenure of Appointees to Commonwealth Tribunals be extended to 31 October 1989.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 18 August 1989

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations) moved—

- (1) That the House concurs in the resolution transmitted to the House in message No. 444 of the Senate relating to an extension of time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Select Committee on Tenure of Appointees to Commonwealth Tribunals; and
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1989-90—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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.

Paper: Mr Aldred, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Customs Service—Paper—EXIT exports integration.

Debate continued.

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

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Staples (Minister for Housing and Aged Care) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.10 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 August 1989:

Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act—Determination pursuant to paragraph 10D (1) (d), dated 16 June 1989.

Air Force Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 219.

Australian Centennial Roads Development Act—Determination of charge rate—No. 1.

Australian Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 222.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—105—Amendments, dated 2, 8 (2), 10 and 11 August 1989.

106—Amendment, dated 1 August 1989.

Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—

Guide to the assessment of the degree of permanent impairment—

Approval by Minister, dated 27 July 1989.

Guide.

Declarations and Specifications (Amendment)—Notice—1989—No. 1.

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 228.

Currency Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 229.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1989—

No. 113—Temporary Rental Allowance.

No. 114—Trainee Leader's Allowance.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 217.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 218.

Fisheries Act—

Notices—Nos. AFZ 1, KCP 1, NPF 1, NPF 2, NPF 3, NPF 4, NPF 5, NTF 1, ORF 1, TLT 1.

Plan of Management—No. GEM 2—Gemfish Fishery 1989 (Amendment).

Variation agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Darabick Pty Ltd, dated 1 August 1989.

Health Insurance Act—Determination pursuant to subsection 3C (1), dated 14 August 1989.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—1989—

T9—Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes.

T10—Grants for Expenditure for Limited Operating Purposes.

T11—Grants in respect of Teaching Hospitals.

T12—Grants in respect of Drug and Alcohol Education in Teaching Hospitals.

- T13 and T14—Grants for Building Projects.
T15—Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes (Funding for Early Retirement).
T16—Aboriginal Participation Projects.
T17 and T18—Grants for Building Projects.
T19—Expenditure for Operating Purposes.
Honey Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 225.
Honey Levy Act (No. 1)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 226.
Honey Levy Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 227.
Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 223.
Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 215.
National Companies and Securities Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 214.
National Health Act—
 Determination pursuant to paragraph 40AH (b), dated 16 June 1989.
 Notice of determination for the purposes of subparagraph 47 (2) (b) (iii), dated 22 June 1989.
Remuneration Tribunal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 224.
Ships (Capital Grants) Act—Return itemising grants paid to shipowners in 1988-89.
States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Act—Determinations—1989—Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.
Telecommunications Act—Direction pursuant to subsection 73 (2), dated 26 June 1989.
War Service Estates Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 216.
World Heritage Properties Conservation Act—Notice of consent pursuant to subsection 9 (1), dated 19 August 1989.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Campbell, Mr Cohen, Mr Dawkins, Mr Gorman, Dr Klugman, Mr Macphee, Mr Shipton, Mr Uren and Mr White.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives