

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 1990

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **SOCIAL WELFARE LEGISLATION (PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS) AMENDMENT BILL 1990:** 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 37, dated 26 August 1990, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr L. J. Scott reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

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

4 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1990-91—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—

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	}	together
Department of Finance		
Department of the Treasury		
Advance to the Minister for Finance		
Attorney-General's Department		
Department of Transport and Communications		
Department of Employment, Education and Training		
Department of Defence		
Department of Primary Industries and Energy		
Department of Social Security		
Department of Administrative Services		
Department of Community Services and Health	}	together
Department of Veterans' Affairs		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade		
Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce	}	together
Department of Industrial Relations		
Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories		
Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs		

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$93 205 000—

Department of Finance, \$170 779 000—

Department of the Treasury, \$1 284 723 000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$170 000 000—

together debated.

Mr Smith, who had already spoken twice, again addressed the committee, by leave.

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$782 131 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport and Communications, \$1 169 685 000—

It being 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Cowan reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Papers: Mr Fife, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for the documents quoted from by Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport)—

Mr R. J. Brown laid upon the Table the following papers:

Inter-State Commission—Report—Road use charges and vehicle registration:
A National Scheme—Copies of—

Letter from B. R. Lunn, Secretary-General, Australian Automobile Association, to Mr R. J. Brown, Minister for Land Transport, dated 10 July 1990.

Newspaper cuttings—

Article by Mr R. Gittins published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 10 September 1990.

Letter to the Editor published in the *Australian Financial Review* of 19 September 1990 from B. R. Lunn.

Questions without notice continued.

6 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1990-91—

No. 6—Survey of internal audit in the Commonwealth public sector.

No. 7—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: Passport issue and control.

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

(1) this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 6 and 7 of 1990-91; and

(2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Department of Defence—Schedule of special purpose flights for period 1 January 1988 to 28 December 1989.

Philosophy behind the provision of aged care services in Australia—Government's response.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TELECOMMUNICATIONS

POLICY: The House was informed that Mr Howard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Hawke Government to place the national interest ahead of the clout of public sector unions in determining telecommunications policy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION REGULATIONS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Dr Theophanous (Chairman—Joint Standing Committee on Migration Regulations) moved—That the article headed "Lift ban on HIV partners—gay lobby" by Mr M. Daly in the Melbourne *Sunday Herald* of 16 September 1990 be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Debate ensued.

Mr Peacock moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: "and that the matter of an article entitled 'The murder story that won't go to press' written by Tom Burton, published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 14 July 1990, be referred to the Committee of Privileges".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

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Mr Aldred	Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher
Mr Anderson	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mrs Bailey	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Bradford	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Filing	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Ford	Mr Moore	Mr Truss
Mr Burr	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nugent	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Riggall	

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Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Jenkins	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mr Johns	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Mr Free	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr L. J. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Gear*	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Breton	Mr Gibson	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Grace*	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Dr Catley	Mr Griffiths	Mr Mack	Dr Theophanous
Mr Courtice	Mr Hand	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr Walker
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr West
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr Newell	Mr Willis
Mr Duffy	Mr Hulls	Mr O'Keefe	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Neil	Mr Wright
Mr Elliott	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Price	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed—Mr Mack dissenting.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

19 September 1990—Message No. 52—Airlines Agreement (Termination) 1990.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 51, dated 18 September 1990, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Jones had been discharged from further attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority, and that Senator Loosley had been appointed a member of the committee.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—END OF WAR LIST BILL 1990:** Message No. 53, dated 18 September 1990, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to establish an end of war list for Australian service personnel*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Halverson moved—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

13 **CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990:** Mr Duffy (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to criminal and law enforcement matters, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

14 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

15 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1990-91:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport and Communications,
\$1 169 685 000—

On the motion of Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), the following amendment was made: Schedule 3, page 79, omit “section 80DAO of the *Broadcasting Act 1947*”, substitute “section 89DAO of the *Broadcasting Act 1942*”.

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure, as amended, agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment, Education and Training,
\$3 060 765 000—debated.

It being 7.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Cowan reported accordingly.

16 **ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 September 1990:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—
Proposal for the collection of information—1990—No. 21—ABS register
of businesses: updating collections.

Christmas Island Act—Christmas Island Lands Ordinance—Notice of
guidelines laid down under section 4, dated 11 September 1990.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—
Parts—

105—Amendments, dated 31 July 1990, 2, 7, 22, 28 and 29 August
1990, and 3 September 1990.

106—Amendments, dated 28 August 1990.

107—Amendments, dated 28 August 1990.

Defence Housing Authority Act—Statement pursuant to paragraph 10 (3) (a)
relating to a joint venture between the Defence Housing Authority and
Civic Constructions (Aust.) Pty Limited, entered into on 29 June 1990,
for the development of land at Randwick, NSW.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised
under subsection 40 (1).

Public Service Act—Determinations—1990—Nos. 58, 68, 76, 87, 90, 92,
94, 95, 96, 98, 99, 103, 106, 111, 112, 113, 115, 117, 118.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Ms Crawford, Mrs Darling, Mr Dubois, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Hawke, Dr Hewson, Mr Kerr, Mr Lee, Mr McGauran, Mr J. L. Scott, Mr Sinclair, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Taylor and Mr Webster.

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