

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 86

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 1991

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

2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Chaney moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Pearce moving forthwith—That this House calls on the Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories to comply with the resolution of the Senate of 10 September 1991 and to table forthwith in this House, and to have tabled in the Senate, the tape recording of discussions between her and conservation organisations on 4 September 1991.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Aldred	Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Reith
Mr Anderson	Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Riggall
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Atkinson	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr B. C. Scott
Mrs Bailey	Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Bradford	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Filing	Mr Mack	Mr Somlyay*
Mr Broadbent	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nugent	Mr Wilson
Mr Chaney	Mr Hall	Mr Prosser	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Charles	Mr Halverson	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge

## NOES, 67

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negative.

## 3 ABORIGINAL EDUCATION (SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1991: 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 Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

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

## 5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Inter-governmental agreement on the environment—Peak conservation organisations meeting—Copy of extract from transcript of meeting held on 4 September 1991 between Mrs Kelly (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories) and representatives of conservation organisations.

Questions without notice continued.

## 6 PAPER: The Speaker presented the following paper:

Public Service Act—Department of the House of Representatives—Report for 1990-91.

## 7 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 8 of 1991-92—Efficiency audit—The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation: External funds generation.

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 report No. 8 of 1991-92; and

(2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

## 8 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statement for August 1991.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during August 1991.

Cash Transaction Reports Agency—Report for 1990-91.  
 Commonwealth Enterprise Energy Audit Program—Register of energy auditing accredited organisations, 2 July 1991.  
 Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 55—Censorship procedure.  
 National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council—Report for 1990-91.

**9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INVESTMENT STRATEGY:**

The House was informed that Mr McLachlan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The urgent need for a non-inflationary pro-growth, pro-investment, pro-jobs strategy to counter the devastating impact of the Government’s anti-investment policies”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
 Mr McLachlan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.  
 Discussion concluded.

**10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 294, dated 10 September 1991, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senators Archer, Bell and Reid had been appointed members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Zone.

**11 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STAGE 3 DEVELOPMENT OF RAAF BASE, TINDAL, NT:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Stage 3 development of RAAF Base, Tindal, NT.

Mr Baldwin presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
 Question—put and passed.

**12 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CSIRO REDEVELOPMENT, NORTH RYDE, NSW:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: CSIRO redevelopment, North Ryde, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

**13 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CSIRO REDEVELOPMENT, PARKVILLE, VIC.:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: CSIRO redevelopment, Parkville, Vic.

Mr Baldwin presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
 Question—put and passed.

**14 STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT OF HMAS ALBATROSS, NOWRA, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the 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: Stage 2 development of HMAS *Albatross*, Nowra, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**15 REDEVELOPMENT BY THE DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SEAWARD VILLAGE, PERTH—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the 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: Redevelopment by the Defence Housing Authority of Seaward Village, Perth.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**16 PRIVILEGE—POSSIBLE MISLEADING EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE COMMITTEE—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES:** The Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised yesterday by Mr Downer concerning possible misleading evidence given by Mr S. Paddison before the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration during its inquiry into the Australian banking industry.

The Speaker stated that, whilst having no means of knowing the authenticity of the document made available to him by Mr Downer or the validity of statements made, misleading a committee was a traditional category of contempt and, on the information available, he was prepared to accord precedence to a motion in respect of the matter.

Mr Downer then moved—That the House refer to the Committee of Privileges the question of whether Mr S. Paddison of the State Bank of South Australia misled the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration in an answer given to the committee on 30 April 1991 in response to a question about non-performing loans and losses by the bank.

Question—put and passed.

**17 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1991). Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**18 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1991:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1987*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Baldwin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**19 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) presented a Bill for an Act relating to duties of excise.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Baldwin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

20 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1991:** Mr Howe (Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

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 (Dr R. L. Woods), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 **HEARING SERVICES BILL 1991:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an authority to be known as Australian Hearing Services, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Staples presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

22 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notices Nos. 2 and 3, private Members' business given by Mr Ruddock and accorded priority for Thursday, 12 September 1991, being moved in his absence by Mr Filing and Mr Halverson, respectively.

Question—put and passed.

23 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1991-92—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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Tickner—Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

24 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Debate extended:* It being 8 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Tickner required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 8.04 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 September 1991:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for the collection of information—1991—No. 16—New topics in the monthly population survey.

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statements of disclosure of information—1991—

No. 1—List of names and addresses of superannuation funds and schemes for the Insurance and Superannuation Commission.

No. 2—List of names and addresses of South Australian State public sector agencies for the Treasury Department, the Department of Labour and the Public Accounts Committee, South Australia.

**ATTENDANCE:** All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. N. Andrew, Mrs Darling\*, Mr Dobie, Mr Duncan, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Gear\*, Mr Grace, Mr McArthur, Mr Peacock, Mr Rocher\*, Mr Ruddock and Mr Scholes.

\*On leave

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Clerk of the House of Representatives