

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 105

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER 1991

1 The House met, at 9.30 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 Howard moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Bennelong moving forthwith—That this House endorses the remarks of Senator McKiernan when the labour force statistics for November were released that “there are now 900,700 reasons why Paul Keating should not be Prime Minister of Australia” and censures the Member for Blaxland for:

- (1) his gross and arrogant mishandling of the Australian economy while he served as Treasurer, which continues to inflict immense misery on hundreds of thousands of Australians and their families; and
- (2) his deliberate campaign of treachery and destabilisation within the Australian Labor Party over the past six months which not only helped to destroy the Member for Werriwa as Treasurer, but has also paralysed the actions of the entire Hawke Government.

Closure of Member: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 72

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

NOES, 66

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Downer (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Beazley moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Moore	Mr Truss
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Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nugent	Mr Webster
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Mr Chaney	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Closure: Mr Beazley moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil
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Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Jones	Mr Sawford
Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put and a division being called for—

In accordance with sessional order 193 the division was deferred until 12.30 p.m.

3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mrs Crosio, Mr Ferguson and Mr Grace, from 8, 37 and 99 955 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken to prevent the war in Croatia and to recognise the independence of Croatia and Slovenia.

Mr Grace, from 36 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Downer, Mr Hall and Mr Langmore, from 19, 27 and 12 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Abortion Funding Abolition Bill 1990 be passed and that pregnant women with problems be helped to continue their pregnancies.

Mr Beazley and Mr R. F. Edwards, from 199 and 203 petitioners, respectively, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and certain other action be taken to protect the right to life of the unborn.

Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Webster from 14 and 130 petitioners, respectively, in similar terms.

- Mr Bilney and Mr Fitzgibbon, from 135 and 42 petitioners, respectively, praying that AIDEX 1991 be closed down and certain other action be taken to minimise the arms trade.
- Mr Grace and Mr Melham, from 855 and 7 residents of New South Wales, respectively, praying that immediate recognition be given to Croatia as a sovereign nation.
- Mr Beazley, from 197 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to increase and guarantee the level of ABC funding and that the prohibition on corporate sponsorship and advertising on the ABC be maintained.
- Mr Beazley, from 175 petitioners, praying that diplomatic and trade relations be established with the Croatian and Slovenian Republics.
- Mr Beazley, from 131 members of the Catholic Women's League, Hervey Bay, Qld, praying that Telecom be forced to withdraw its 0055 telephone service.
- Mr Beazley, from 80 petitioners, praying that the decision to reduce broadcasting time in Dutch on SBS radio be reviewed and that proper regard be given to demographic realities in allocating broadcasting time on Radio 3EA.
- Mr Beazley, from 26 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to ban international sales of armaments and arms-related technology.
- Mr Beazley, from 20 petitioners, praying that the AIDEX exhibition be replaced with an exhibition which highlights hazards to the environment.
- Mr Bilney, from 51 residents of Western Australia, praying that the No. 2 Flight Air Training Corps not be relocated from Wanneroo to Leederville and that it be sufficiently funded to enable completion and maintenance of its Landsdale facilities.
- Mr Free, from 10 petitioners, praying that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child be amended to recognise the importance of the family unit and the rights and responsibilities of parents and that certain international treaties be debated in Parliament.
- Mr Grace, from 380 residents of Western Australia, praying that certain action be taken with respect to Serbia and that Croatia be recognised.
- Mr Hicks, from 1218 residents of Cobar Shire, NSW, praying that immediate steps be taken to establish a Department of Social Security office in Cobar.
- Mr Hicks, from 10 airline pilots, praying that implementation of unproven procedures associated with the Civil Aviation Authority's Airspace Management and Air Traffic Service program be prevented.
- Mr Humphreys, from 18 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to protect national estate forests.
- Dr Kemp, from 977 petitioners, praying that Australia express concern to the Government of Myanmar at continuing human rights violations in Myanmar.
- Mr Langmore, from 9 petitioners, praying for a comprehensive public review of the Austudy scheme and that certain changes be made to the scheme.
- Mr Nehl, from 97 petitioners, praying that adult information and entertainment not be available on Telecom's 0055 service to persons under the age of 18.
- Mr Ruddock, from 49 electors of the Division of Indi, praying that rejection of Mr Aka Vana's application for citizenship be reviewed.
- Mr Scholes, from 74 residents of the Little River/Avalon Airfield area, Vic., praying that certain action be taken to ensure the comprehensive consideration of the proposal to lift the night curfew on aircraft movement at Avalon Airfield.

Mr J. L. Scott, from 43 petitioners, praying that the 1991 Budget decision to impose a \$3.50 Medicare co-payment be reversed.

Mr L. J. Scott, from 9 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to ban international sales of armaments and arms-related technology and that AIDEX '91 be cancelled.

Mr Sinclair, from 19 petitioners, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and that the right to life of the unborn be protected.

Mr Snowdon, from 532 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to investigate the Dili massacre, prevent further human rights abuses in East Timor and conduct a referendum on East Timor's right to self-determination.

Petitions received.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED: Mr Reith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would allow the Treasurer to give the House his assessment of the current depressed state of the Australian economy which is evidenced by almost one million people unemployed, and to justify his proposal for a “pump priming” policy U-turn which will inevitably lead to a further increase in Australia's already burgeoning foreign debt.

Closure of Member: Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 72

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

NOES, 65

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia—second) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 72

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

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Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mrs Bailey	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Mack	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
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Mr Chaney	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Riggall	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Closure: Mr Beazley moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

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Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Charles	Mr Hicks*	Mr Riggall	
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Ronaldson	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put and a division being called for—

In accordance with sessional order 193 the division was deferred until 12.30 p.m.

5 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:

Dr Theophanous presented the following report and related papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Australia's relations with Papua New Guinea—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, December 1991.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Dr Theophanous, Mr Connolly, Mr Hollis, Mr MacKellar, Mr Langmore and Mr Sinclair made statements in connection with the report.

Dr Theophanous moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with sessional order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS: Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business and Customs), by leave, moved—That so much of the

standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the time for presentation of committee and delegation reports and statements on those reports being extended until 11.45 a.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

7 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Ms Crawford (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Skills training for the 21st century—

Report, 18 December 1991.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Ms Crawford and Mr Charles made statements in connection with the report. The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Ms Crawford moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with sessional order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

8 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Punch (Chairman) presented the following reports:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—

Report 312—Finance minutes, 12 December 1991.

Report 313—Control of visitor entry, 18 December 1991.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Punch and Mr Aldred made statements in connection with the reports.

9 PROPOSED NATIONAL WOOL DAY: Mr Tuckey, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) nominates 2 April 1992 as National Wool Day;
- (2) calls upon Members and parliamentary leaders to present appropriate speeches to the Parliament during private Members' business and after Question Time;
- (3) agrees to form a committee of 4 Members, including the Members for O'Connor and Stirling, to publicise this day and arrange a display in the Great Hall and a social function in the Members' Hall;
- (4) calls upon the wool industry, manufacturers, retailers, inventors, researchers, State governments, especially State education departments, and local government to give this day appropriate recognition; and
- (5) calls on the Government to consider the issue of an appropriate postage stamp if time permits.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr R. F. Edwards was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

10 DEPUTY SPEAKER'S RULING—DISSENT FROM RULING MOVED: The Deputy Speaker having called the Clerk to call on the next item of business and a point of order having been raised by Mr Downer that he had sought the call to move a motion—

Deputy Speaker's ruling: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Hollis) ruled that, as the next item of business had been called on, Mr Downer was not entitled to the call for that purpose.

Dissent from ruling moved: Mr Downer moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Closure of Member: Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 70

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
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Mr Charles	Mr Howard	Mr Riggall	
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Fife (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Snowdon moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Sharp rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Snowdon moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 72

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

NOES, 65

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put and a division being called for—

In accordance with sessional order 193 the division was deferred until 12.30 p.m.

11 **WATER RESOURCES:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Johns—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) water is one of Australia's most valuable resources;
 - (b) its use, treatment and availability vary enormously throughout the nation;
 - (c) there is debate as to whether this resource is managed sufficiently well so that the water available to the next generation will be at least as good as that currently available; and
 - (d) together, water and sewerage activities involve total employment of 35 000 workers and \$2 billion worth of investment annually; and
- (2) calls on the Government, in conjunction with the States and other authorities, to:
 - (a) consider how Australia can achieve more efficient and environmentally sound use of its water resources; and
 - (b) develop a national strategy for sustainable water quality management—

Debate resumed.

It being 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 104A and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

12 **DEFERRED DIVISIONS:** The following questions, on which divisions had been called for and deferred earlier this day, were put, viz.:

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to (*motion moved by Mr Howard—see entry No. 2, p. 1253*).

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

AYES, 65

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

NOES, 73

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to (*motion moved by Mr Reith—Deputy Leader of the Opposition—see entry No. 4, p. 1257*).

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

AYES, 65

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

NOES, 73

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Deputy Speaker's ruling be dissented from (*motion moved by Mr Downer—see entry No. 10, p. 1261*).

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

AYES, 65

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

NOES, 73

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

13 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of sessional order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

14 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

15 **MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House of the following ministerial changes:

Mr Willis had been appointed Treasurer;

Mr Beazley had been appointed Minister for Finance;

Mr Kerin had been appointed Minister for Transport and Communications;

and

Mr Tickner had been appointed Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

Mr Hawke also informed the House that Mr Kerin would represent the Minister for Shipping and Aviation Support in this House, Mr Willis would

continue to represent the Minister for Industrial Relations and, during the absence through illness of Mr Howe (Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services) was acting as Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services and Mr Beazley was representing the Minister for Social Security in this House.

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

17 **PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE:** Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for allowing his government to be destabilised and rendered impotent over the issue of leadership at a time when:

- (1) a million Australians are unemployed with little chance of getting a job;
- (2) the Australian economy has been in recession for five consecutive quarters;
- (3) business investment has ground to a halt and bankruptcies are running at record levels;
- (4) Australia's foreign debt of \$166 billion is a crushing burden on every Australian worker; and
- (5) the Labor government has manifestly failed its responsibilities to the people of Australia.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time. Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 72

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

NOES, 68

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67

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

NOES, 73

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

18 PAPER: The Speaker presented the following paper:

Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 6 June to

18 December 1991, and outstanding responses to reports presented from 1982.

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

Health Legislation (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Amendment Act 1991—Joint review by the Auditor-General and Department of Finance—Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme: Review of estimated savings from proposed system for eligibility checking.

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1991-92—

No. 14—Project audits—Department of Employment, Education and Training—Abstudy, assistance for isolated children and protective security.

No. 15—Efficiency audit—Department of Defence: Procedures for dealing with fraud on the Commonwealth.

No. 16—Accountability off the rails—National Rail Corporation Limited: Erosion of accountability to the Parliament.

No. 17—Aggregate Financial Statement prepared by the Minister for Finance, 1990-91.

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 joint review by the Auditor-General and Department of Finance and the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17 of 1991-92; and

(2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

20 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Return to country—The aboriginal homelands movement in Australia, March 1987—Government response.

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Administrator of the Northern Territory, relating to—Bilinarra (Coolibah-Wave Hill Stock Routes) Land Claim (Report No. 35).

Stokes Range Land Claim (Report No. 36).

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—15th Report, for 1990-91.

Advance Australia Logo Protection Act—Advance Australia Foundation—Report for 1990-91.

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement for November 1991.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during November 1991.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act—Australian Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Council—Report for 1990-91.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 1990-91.

AUSSAT Pty Ltd—Report for 1990-91.

Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report for 1990-91.

Australia-Indonesia Institute—Report for 1990-91.

Australia New Zealand Foundation—Report for 1990-91.

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Plan—Amendment No. 2, November 1991.

National Capital Planning Authority—Report for 1990-91.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1990-91.

- Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Defence Industries Ltd (ADI)—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Film Commission Act—Film Australia Pty Limited—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Film Finance Corporation Pty Limited—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Forestry Council—Summary of resolutions and recommendations—27th meeting, Coffs Harbour, NSW, 28 February 1991.
- Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Industry and Technology Council—Summary of proceedings 1990-91.
- Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Institute of Health Act—Australian Institute of Health—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority—1st report, for period 1 January-30 June 1991.
- Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian National Maritime Museum Act—Australian National Maritime Museum—Strategic plan—1991-93.
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Securities Commission Act—Australian Securities Commission—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Securities Commission—Reports—
Investigation into the affairs of the RMI Group of companies.
Softwood/Percheron Group of companies—
Volume 1—Report.
Volume 2—Annexures 1-5 and 7-9.
Volume 3—Annexure 6—Part 1.
Volume 4—Annexure 6—Part 2.
Summary interim report on an investigation into the administration by Burns Philp Trustee Company Limited of the Estate Mortgage Trusts.
- Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 1990-91.
- Australian Trade Commission Act—Australian Trade Commission—Report for 1990-91.
Broadcasting Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—
Final report—Film and television co-productions, November 1991.
Report for 1990-91.
Special Broadcasting Service—Report for 1990-91.
- Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—44th report, for 1990-91.
- Comcare program—Review, April 1991.
- Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1990-91.
- Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Commission for the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation of Commonwealth Employees (Comcare)—Report for 1990-91.
- Commonwealth Legal Aid Act—National Legal Aid Advisory Committee—Report for 1990-91.
- Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service (CRS)—Report for 1990-91.

- Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL) Limited—Report for 1990-91.
- Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (Conversion into Public Company) Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL) Limited—Return of company for 1990-91.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 1990-91.
- Defence Housing Authority Act—Defence Housing Authority—Report for 1990-91.
- Department of Defence—
- Explosives Factory Maribyrnong—Financial statements for 1990-91.
 - Schedule of special purpose flights for period 1 January to 30 June 1991.
- Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 1990-91.
- Ecologically sustainable development working groups—
- Final reports—November 1991—
 - Agriculture.
 - Energy production.
 - Energy use.
 - Executive summaries.
 - Fisheries.
 - Forest use.
 - Manufacturing.
 - Mining.
 - Tourism.
 - Transport.
 - Paper accompanying final ecologically sustainable development sectoral reports, 2 December 1991.
- Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Council—Report for 1990-91.
- Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Reports—
- Employment and Skills Formation Council, including the Board's comments—Management training provision in Australia: An issues paper.
 - Higher Education Council, including the Board's comments—Planning for 1994 and funding principles for the allocation of funds to higher education institutions for the 1992-94 triennium.
- Environment and Conservation—Standing Committee—Hazardous chemicals—2nd report, 7 December 1982—Government response.
- Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region—Report for 1990-91.
- Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—
- AUSSAT Pty Ltd—Report for 1990-91.
 - Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1990-91.
 - Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Report for 1990-91.
- Exotic Animal Disease Control Act—Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Consultative Council (EXANDIS)—Report for 1990-91.
- Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for 1990-91.
- Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for period 1 April 1990-30 June 1991.
- Freedom of Information Act—Report by the Attorney-General on the operation of the Act, for 1990-91.
- Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee—Report for 1990-91.

- Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response, December 1991, to the list tabled in the House of Representatives on 5 June 1991.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1990-91.
- Health Insurance Commission Act—
Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1990-91.
Paper accompanying the Health Insurance Commission annual report by Mr Staples (Acting Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services).
- Honey Marketing Act—Australian Honey Board—28th report, for 1990-91.
- Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act—Horticultural Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1990-91.
- Housing Assistance Act—Report on operation of Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement, for 1989-90.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—27th report, for 1990-91.
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—
Report for 1990-91.
Report—Racist violence: National inquiry into racist violence in Australia—Government response.
- Immigration Review Tribunal—Report for 1990-91.
- Industrial Relations Act—
Australian Industrial Registry—Report for 1990-91.
Australian Industrial Relations Commission—3rd report of the President, for 1990-91.
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 1990-91.
- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (General Capital Increase) Act—Report on the operations of the Act, for 1990-91.
- International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on the operations of the Act, for 1990-91.
- Landcare Australia Limited—2nd report, for 1990-91.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report for 1990-91.
- Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report on consultants engaged under section 4, for 1990-91.
- Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act—Merit Protection and Review Agency—Report for 1990-91.
- Ministers' private interests—Returns for 1991.
- National Companies and Securities Commission Act—National Companies and Securities Commission—12th report, for period 1 July to 31 December 1990.
- National Crime Authority Act—National Crime Authority—Report for 1990-91.
- National Film and Sound Archive—Review 1990-91.
- National Measurement Act—National Standards Commission—Report for 1990-91.
- National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report, including the 1st report under the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act, for 1990-91.
- National Science and Technology Centre—Report for 1990-91.
- National Training Board—2nd report, for 1990-91.
- Nursing Home Standards Review Panel (Victoria)—Report for 1990-91.

- Office of Film and Literature Classification and Film and Literature Board of Review—Reports for 1990-91.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report on the Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme and certain other schemes, for 1990-91.
- Pig Industry Act—Australian Pork Corporation—4th report, for 1990-91.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Report for 1990-91.
- Prices Surveillance Act—Prices Surveillance Authority—Report for 1990-91.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—
Egg Industry Research and Development Council—Report for 1990-91.
Energy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1990-91.
Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation—
Report for 1990-91.
Pig Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1990-91.
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1990-91.
- Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—3rd report, for 1990-91.
- Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Report on the working of the Act and the administration of the National Cultural Heritage Fund, for 1990-91.
- Public Service Act—
Department of Administrative Services—Report for 1990-91.
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 1990-91.
Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce—Report for 1990-91.
Department of the Treasury—Report for 1990-91.
Public Service Commissioner—Report for 1990-91.
Royal Australian Mint—Report for 1990-91.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Report for 1990-91.
- Review of Commonwealth criminal law—
Accompanying paper by Mr Duffy (Attorney-General) to the final report.
Final report, December 1991.
- Road to Olympus?—
Report commissioned by Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) on five Melbourne schools sponsored by Greek Orthodox communities, 16 December 1991.
Government response, 19 December 1991.
- Rural Industries Research Act—Grape and Wine Research Council—Report for 1990-91.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Report for 1990-91.
- Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 1990-91.
- Social Security Act—Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1990-91.
- Social Security Act and Public Service Act—Department of Social Security—
Report for 1990-91.
- Soil Conservation (Financial Assistance) Act—Soil Conservation Advisory Committee—Report for 1990-91.
- Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 1990-91.
- Student Assistance Act—Report by Minister on operation of Act, for 1990.
- Superannuation Act 1976*—
Commissioner for Superannuation—Report, incorporating report on the administration of the Retirement Benefits Office pursuant to the Public Service Act, for 1990-91.
Commonwealth Superannuation Board—Report for 1990-91.
Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Report for 1990-91.

Superannuation Act 1990—Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees No. 1—Report for 1990-91.
 Tax expenditures statement—Report by the Department of the Treasury, December 1991.
 Taxation statistics 1989-90.
 Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority Act—Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority—Report for 1990-91.
 Trade Union Training Authority Act—Trade Union Training Authority—Report for 1990-91.
 Training for Aboriginals Program—Review, November 1991.
 Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Report—Management of the radio frequency spectrum, 14 October 1991—Interim government response, December 1991.
 Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Reports of the Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs for 1990-91—
 Volume 1—Reports.
 Volume 2—Repatriation hospitals.
 War Graves Act—Office of Australian War Graves, Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report for 1990-91.
 Wool Marketing Act—Wool Research and Development Council—Report for 1990-91.

- 21 **IMMIGRATION REVIEW TRIBUNAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Immigration Review Tribunal—Report for 1990-91.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE) ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (General Capital Increase) Act—Report on the operations of the Act, for 1990-91.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on the operations of the Act, for 1990-91.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON RACIST VIOLENCE IN AUSTRALIA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—Racist violence: National inquiry into racist violence in Australia—Government response.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 25 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION—REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this

House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the following reports of the Australian Securities Commission:

Investigation into the affairs of the RMI Group of companies.

Softwood/Percheron Group of companies—

Volume 1—Report.

Volume 2—Annexures 1-5 and 7-9.

Volume 3—Annexure 6—Part 1.

Volume 4—Annexure 6—Part 2.

Summary interim report on an investigation into the administration by Burns Philp Trustee Company Limited of the Estate Mortgage Trusts.

Question—put and passed.

- 26 ROAD TO OLYMPUS?—REPORT ON FIVE MELBOURNE SCHOOLS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of a report commissioned by Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) on five Melbourne schools sponsored by Greek Orthodox communities.

Question—put and passed.

- 27 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICY:** The House was informed that Mr Reith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The adverse consequences for Australia of the ‘pump-priming’ economic policy U-turn being proposed both by the current Treasurer and the alternative Prime Minister, the Member for Blaxland”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Reith rising to address the House—

Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 66

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 28 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 11, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 71

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Johns	Mr Punch
Mr Bevis	Mr Elliott	Mr Jones	Mr Sawford
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
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Mr Crean	Mr Hand	Mr Melham	Mr West
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Mrs Bailey	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Mack	Mr Smith
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Somlyay
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Moore	Mr Truss
Mr Burr	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nugent	Mr Webster
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Mr Chaney	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Riggall	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 29 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 399:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 399 be suspended for the remainder of this year, except when a motion is moved pursuant to the standing order by a Minister.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
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Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear*	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Dr Catley	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
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Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Mr Walker
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Mrs Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
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Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr B. C. Scott
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* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 30 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

10 December 1991—Message—

No. 359—Corporations (Unlisted Property Trusts) Amendment 1991.

No. 360—Corporations Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

No. 361—Migration Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

No. 362—Australian Citizenship Amendment 1991.

No. 363—Migration (Health Services) Charge 1991.

No. 364—Migration Amendment (No. 3) 1991.

No. 365—Sales Tax Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1991.

11 December 1991—Message No. 366—Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment 1991.

18 December 1991—Message—

No. 374—Medicare Levy Amendment 1991.

No. 375—Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment 1991 (*without requests*).

No. 376—Income Tax (International Agreements) Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

No. 377—Income Tax (Deferred Interest Securities) (Tax File Number Withholding Tax) 1991 (*without requests*).

31 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:

4 December 1991—Message No. 218—Federal Court of Australia Amendment 1991.

6 December 1991—Message No. 219—International Monetary Fund (Quota Increase and Agreement Amendments) 1991.

Broadcasting Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

Radio Licence Fees Amendment 1991.

Television Licence Fees Amendment 1991.

Excise Tariff Amendment 1991.

Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

Cash Transaction Reports Amendment 1991.

11 December 1991—Message No. 220—

Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Amendment 1991.

Health Insurance (Pathology) Amendment 1991.

Health Insurance (Pathology) (Fees) 1991.

Health Insurance (Pathology) (Licence Fee) 1991.

Health Insurance (Pathology) Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

13 December 1991—Message No. 221—Social Security Legislation Amendment (No. 4) 1991.

18 December 1991—Message—

No. 222—

Corporations (Unlisted Property Trusts) Amendment 1991.

Corporations Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

Sales Tax Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1991.

No. 223—Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment 1991.

No. 224—

Australian Citizenship Amendment 1991.

Migration Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

Migration (Health Services) Charge 1991.

Migration Amendment (No. 3) 1991.

32 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: The House was informed that the Opposition Whip had nominated Mr K. J. Andrews to be a member of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs in place of Mr Smith.

33 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—POLITICAL BROADCASTS AND POLITICAL DISCLOSURES BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 370

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Broadcasting Act 1942', the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918', the 'Radiocommunications Act 1983', and the 'Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984', and for related purposes*", and acquaints

the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 5 December 1991

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 2, page 1, lines 6 to 8, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Commencement

“2.(1) Parts 1 and 3 commence on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

“(2) Subject to subsection (3), Parts 2, 4 and 5 commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

“(3) If Parts 2, 4 and 5 do not commence within the period of 6 months beginning on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, they commence on the first day after the end of that period.”.

No. 2—After clause 2, page 1, insert the following clause:

Report into operation of Act

“2A.(1) Subject to subsection (5):

- (a) the Australian Electoral Commission must review such provisions of this Act as are prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph, and report to the Minister accordingly; and
- (b) such other persons or bodies as are prescribed must review such provisions of this Act as are prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph, and report to the Minister accordingly.

“(2) A report referred to in subsection (1) may include suggestions for amendments of this Act to solve problems identified in the report.

“(3) A review referred to in subsection (1) must commence within 6 months after the last declaration of a poll at the second general election of members of the House of Representatives held after the commencement of this section.

“(4) The Minister shall cause copies of a report referred to in subsection (1) to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days after its receipt by the Minister.

“(5) Subsection (1) does not apply if, 3 months after the first sitting of the Parliament elected at the second general election of members of the House of Representatives after the commencement of this section, an inquiry into some or all of the provisions of this Act by a committee of the Parliament is in progress but has not concluded.

“(6) The Governor-General may make regulations prescribing matters for the purposes of this section.”.

No. 3—Clause 4, page 4, paragraph (b), proposed definition of “**policy launch**”, line 17, after “means a”, insert “single”.

No. 4—Clause 4, page 4, paragraph (b), proposed definition of “**public health matter**”, lines 38 to 40, omit the definition.

No. 5—Clause 4, page 4, paragraph (b), at end of paragraph, add the following definition:

“**Senate election**” has the same meaning as in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.”.

No. 6—Clause 5, page 5, line 3, omit “paragraph” (second occurring), substitute “paragraphs”.

No. 7—Clause 5, page 5, after proposed paragraph 16(1)(ca), add the following paragraph:

“(cb) by order, to determine guidelines, not inconsistent with the regulations, to be observed by a broadcaster in respect of the days and times when, and the manner in which, election broadcasts within the meaning of Division 3 of Part IIID are to be made;”.

No. 8—Clause 6, page 5, after heading to proposed Part IIID, insert the following heading:

“*Division 1—Introductory*”.

No. 9—Clause 6, page 5, proposed subsection 95(2), line 15, omit “sections 95A, 95B, 95C, 95D and 95E”, substitute “this Part”.

No. 10—Clause 6, page 5, after proposed section 95, insert the following heading:

“*Division 2—Political advertisements, etc.*”.

No. 11—Clause 6, pages 5 and 6, proposed section 95A, line 17 (page 5) to line 13 (page 6), omit the section, substitute the following section:

Certain broadcasts not prevented

“95A.(1) Nothing in this Part prevents a broadcaster from broadcasting:

(a) an item of news or current affairs, or a comment on any such item; or

(b) a talkback radio program.

“(2) Nothing in this Part prevents the holder of a public radio licence who provides a service for visually handicapped persons from broadcasting any material that he or she is permitted to broadcast under section 119AB.

“(3) Nothing in this Part prevents a broadcaster from broadcasting an advertisement for, or on behalf of, a charitable organisation if:

(a) the advertisement is aimed at promoting the objects of the organisation; and

(b) the advertisement does not explicitly advocate voting for or against a candidate in an election or a political party.

“(4) Nothing in this Part prevents a broadcaster from broadcasting public health matter, whether by way of advertisement or otherwise.

“(5) In this section:

“**charitable organisation**” means a public organisation whose objects are to benefit the public through the relief of poverty, or the advancement of education, religion, public health or science;

“**public health matter**” means any matter relating to public health, other than matter that:

(a) directly or indirectly promotes or criticises a particular public health system; or

(b) explicitly advocates voting for or against a candidate in an election or a political party.”.

No. 12—Clause 6, page 6, proposed subsection 95B(4), line 25, omit “section 95E”, substitute “Divisions 3 and 4”.

No. 13—Clause 6, page 7, proposed subsection 95B(6), definition of “**prescribed material**”, paragraph (d), line 12, omit “or of a State or Territory”.

No. 14—Clause 6, page 7, proposed subsection 95B(6), definition of “**prescribed material**”, paragraph (e), lines 13 and 14, omit “or of a State, or of the legislature of a Territory”.

No. 15—Clause 6, page 7, proposed subsection 95C(5), line 34, omit “section 95E”, substitute “Divisions 3 and 4”.

No. 16—Clause 6, page 8, proposed subsection 95C(7), definition of “**prescribed material**”, paragraph (d), line 20, omit “Commonwealth or of a State or Territory”, substitute “Territory in which that election is held”.

No. 17—Clause 6, page 8, proposed subsection 95C(7), definition of “**prescribed material**”, paragraph (e), lines 21 and 22, omit the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph:

“(e) a member of the legislature of that Territory;”.

No. 18—Clause 6, page 8, proposed subsection 95D(4), line 35, omit “section 95E”, substitute “Divisions 3 and 4”.

No. 19—Clause 6, page 9, proposed subsection 95D(6), definition of “**prescribed material**”, paragraph (d), line 24, omit “Commonwealth or of a State or Territory”, substitute “State in which that election is held”.

No. 20—Clause 6, page 9, proposed subsection 95D(6), definition of “**prescribed material**”, paragraph (e), lines 25 and 26, omit the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph:

“(e) a member of the Parliament of that State;”.

No. 21—Clause 6, page 9, after proposed section 95D, insert the following section and Division:

Some matter not to be broadcast during certain other periods

“95DA.(1) If, when a prescribed day in relation to the Parliament of the Commonwealth occurs, it does not do so during the election period in relation to an election to the Parliament, a broadcaster must not broadcast any matter (other than exempt matter) for or on behalf of the government, or a government authority, of the Commonwealth during the period that starts on that day and ends immediately before the next election period starts.

‘(2) If, when a prescribed day in relation to the legislature of a Territory (other than the Australian Capital Territory) occurs, it does not do so during the election period in relation to an election to the legislature, a broadcaster must not broadcast any matter (other than exempt matter) for or on behalf of the government, or a government authority, of that Territory during the period that starts on that day and ends immediately before the next election period starts.

‘(3) A broadcaster must not broadcast any matter (other than exempt matter) for or on behalf of the government, or a government authority, of the Australian Capital Territory during the period that:

- (a) starts 3 calendar months before the day on which the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory is next due to expire; and
- (b) ends immediately before the start of the election period in relation to the next ordinary election to the Legislative Assembly.

‘(4) In this section:

“**election**” does not include a by-election;

“**prescribed day**” means:

- (a) in relation to the Parliament of the Commonwealth—the day that occurs 3 calendar months before the day on which the House of Representatives is next due to expire; and
- (b) in relation to the legislature of a Territory—the day that occurs 3 calendar months before the day on which the legislature is next due to expire.

‘Division 3—Free election broadcasting time

Application of Division to radio broadcasts

‘95DB.(1) Nothing in this Division is to be treated as requiring or permitting the Service or a licensee to broadcast an election broadcast by radio.

‘(2) Nothing in this Division is to be treated as requiring the Corporation to broadcast an election broadcast by radio other than on its metropolitan and regional AM networks.

‘(3) Despite section 95DC, the Corporation may broadcast by radio a broadcast that complies with paragraphs 95DC(a) to (e), inclusive, but

which lasts for longer than 1 minute, and any such broadcast is taken to be an election broadcast for the purposes of this Division.

‘(4) Despite anything in this Division, the Corporation may determine the times when it broadcasts election broadcasts by radio.

Election broadcasts

‘95DC. Subject to section 95DB, a broadcast made on behalf of a political party, a candidate or a group in relation to an election is, for the purposes of this Division, taken to be an election broadcast if, and only if:

- (a) the broadcast is of an advertisement that consists of words spoken by a single speaker (without dramatic enactment or impersonation) accompanied, where the advertisement is televised, by a transmitted image that consists of the head and shoulders of the speaker; and
- (b) the broadcast does not include any other image, or includes a single additional static background image only; and
- (c) no other vocal sounds are included in the broadcast; and
- (d) the speaker is a candidate in the election or a member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth or a State, or of a legislature of a Territory; and
- (e) if section 117 applies—the required particulars within the meaning of that section are announced by the person who speaks the words of the advertisement; and
- (f) the broadcast lasts for:
 - (i) in the case of a televised broadcast—2 minutes; and
 - (ii) in the case of a broadcast by radio—1 minute; and
- (g) the broadcast is made using a unit of free time allocated to the broadcaster under section 95DK.

Automatic grant of free time to certain parties

‘95DD.(1) The Tribunal must, within the prescribed period in relation to an election, grant a period of free time to each political party that:

- (a) was represented by one or more members in the relevant Parliament or legislature immediately before the end of the last sittings of that Parliament or legislature held before the election; and
- (b) is contesting the election with at least the prescribed number of candidates.

‘(2) The total free time period to be granted to political parties under subsection (1) is the period equal to 90% of the total time in respect of the election, and the Tribunal must grant each of those parties such part of that total free time period as it determines in accordance with the regulations.

‘(3) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (2) must, so far as is practicable, give effect to the principle that the amount of free time granted to each party should bear the same proportion to the total free time period mentioned in that subsection as the number of formal first preference votes obtained by that party or its candidates at the last election to the relevant Parliament or legislature bears to the total number of such votes obtained by all of the parties mentioned in subsection (1) or their candidates at that last election.

‘(4) In this section:

“**election**” means an election (other than a by-election) to:

- (a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) the legislature of a Territory; or
- (c) a State Parliament;

“**total time**”, in relation to an election, means the total free time available in respect of the election, being a time worked out in accordance with the regulations.

Regulations for the purposes of section 95DD

'95DE. This Part does not apply in relation to an election to the Parliament of the Commonwealth or of a State, or in relation to an election to the legislature of a Territory until regulations are made for the purposes of section 95DD that relate to that election.

Applications for grant of free time

'95DF.(1) The chief executive officer of a political party (other than a political party to which section 95DD applies), or any other person or group of persons, may apply to the Tribunal for a grant of free time in relation to an election (other than a by-election) to:

- (a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) the legislature of a Territory; or
- (c) a State Parliament.

'(2) An application must be in the approved form and made in accordance with the regulations.

Grant of free time on applications in relation to Senate elections

'95DG.(1) If, on receipt of an application by a person for a grant of free time in relation to a Senate election, the Tribunal is satisfied that:

- (a) the person is a candidate in the election; and
- (b) the person was a member of the Senate immediately before the end of the last sittings of the Senate held before the election; and
- (c) the person is not a member of a political party to whom a grant of free time has been made under section 95DD;

the Tribunal must grant the person a period of free time.

'(2) The period to be granted to a person under this section is a period determined by the Tribunal in accordance with the regulations, being a period equal to not less than 5% of the total time in respect of the election nor more than 10% of that total time.

'(3) If the Tribunal is required under this section to grant a period of free time to 2 or more persons, the Tribunal must divide the period determined under subsection (2) between them in accordance with the regulations.

'(4) In this section:

"total time" has the same meaning as in section 95DD.

Grant of free time on other applications

'95DH.(1) If, on receipt of an application for the grant to a political party of a period of free time in relation to an election, the Tribunal is satisfied that the party has endorsed one or more candidates to contest the election, the Tribunal may, subject to the regulations, grant the party a period of free time determined in accordance with the regulations.

'(2) If, on receipt of an application for the grant to a person or a group of persons (other than a person or persons to whom section 95DG applies) of a period of free time in relation to an election, the Tribunal is satisfied that the person, or each of the persons, is a candidate in the election, the Tribunal may grant the person or group a period of free time in accordance with the regulations.

Notification of grants

'95DJ.(1) The Tribunal must, in accordance with the regulations, notify:

- (a) the chief executive officer of each political party to which a period of free time has been granted; and
- (b) every other person to whom such a period has been granted; of the period so granted.

'(2) If the Tribunal refuses to grant an application under section 95DG or 95DH, the Tribunal must, in accordance with the regulations, notify the applicant accordingly and specify its reasons for refusing the application.

'(3) The Tribunal must cause a notice to be published in the *Gazette* specifying:

- (a) the political parties and persons to whom a period of free time has been granted; and
- (b) the period that has been granted to each of them.

Allocation to broadcasters

'95DK.(1) The Tribunal must divide each period of free time granted under this Division into units of free time in accordance with the regulations.

'(2) If the division of a period of free time granted to a political party, person or group under this Division results in a number of whole units and part of a unit, the Tribunal must, in accordance with the regulations, distribute that part of a unit to or between any other political parties, persons or groups granted a period of free time under this Division.

'(3) The Tribunal must, in accordance with the regulations, allocate units of free time to broadcasters.

Broadcasting of election broadcasts

'95DL.(1) Subject to this section, where one or more units of free time are allocated to a broadcaster under section 95DK, the broadcaster must make the unit or units available for use in making one or more election broadcasts during the election period for the election on behalf of the political party, person or group to whom the time is granted.

'(2) Subject to this section, the broadcaster must use the units in accordance with the regulations and any guidelines determined by the Tribunal.

'(3) A broadcaster must not make an election broadcast in relation to an election before the close of nominations for the election.

'(4) Subject to this section, a broadcaster must make, during the election period in relation to an election, at least:

- (a) in the case of an election to the Parliament of the Commonwealth—3 election broadcasts by television on each day on which the broadcaster is required to use units of free time allocated to it to make an election broadcast; and
- (b) in the case of an election to the legislature of a Territory—the prescribed number of election broadcasts by television on each such day; and
- (c) in the case of an election to a State Parliament—2 election broadcasts by television on each such day.

'(5) A broadcaster who is required to make an election broadcast must do so free of charge.

'(6) A broadcaster is not required to make a unit or units of free time available under subsection (1):

- (a) if the political party, person or group to whom the time is granted notifies the broadcaster that he, she or it does not intend to use the time; or
- (b) in the prescribed circumstances.

'(7) A licensee who is required to make an election broadcast is entitled to such additional broadcasting time, for the purpose of broadcasting other material, as is determined in accordance with the regulations.

Appeals

'95DM. If the Tribunal makes a decision refusing an application under section 95DG or 95DH for the grant of free time to a political party, person or group of persons, the party, person or persons may appeal to the Federal Court of Australia against the decision."

No. 22—Clause 6, page 9, before proposed section 95E, insert the following heading:

“Division 4—Policy launches”.

No. 23—Clause 6, page 9, proposed paragraph 95E(1)(c), line 38, omit “political”, substitute “policy”.

No. 24—Clause 6, page 9, proposed subsection 95E(1), line 40, omit “political”, substitute “policy”.

No. 25—Clause 6, page 10, proposed paragraph 95E(2)(c), line 8, omit “political”, substitute “policy”.

No. 26—Clause 6, page 10, proposed subsection 95E(2), line 10, omit “political”, substitute “policy”.

No. 27—Clause 6, page 10, after proposed subsection 95E(6), insert the following subsection:

“(6A) This section does not prevent the broadcasting of an excerpt of reasonable length from a political party’s policy launch as part of a news report or current affairs program even if the policy launch has been previously broadcast under this section.”.

No. 28—Clause 6, page 10, after proposed section 95E, insert the following heading:

“Division 5—Miscellaneous”.

No. 29—Clause 6, page 10, proposed section 95F, line 34, omit “95A, 95B, 95C, 95D or 95E”, substitute “95B, 95C, 95D, 95DA or 95E”.

No. 30—Clause 6, page 10, proposed subsection 95G(1), line 41, omit “95A, 95B, 95C, 95D or 95E”, substitute “95B, 95C, 95D, 95DA or 95E”.

No. 31—Clause 12, page 13, lines 14 to 19, omit the clause.

No. 32—After clause 12, page 13, insert the following clauses:

Interpretation

“12A. Section 303 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (4).”

Disclosure of gifts

“12B. Section 304 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting subsection (1);
- (b) by omitting from subsection (5) ‘(1),’ (wherever occurring);
- (c) by omitting from subsection (5) ‘political party, of a State branch of a political party or of a’;
- (d) by omitting paragraph (5)(a);
- (e) by omitting from subsection (6) ‘(a)(ii) or’ and ‘(1),’;
- (f) by omitting paragraph (6)(a);
- (g) by omitting subsection (7).”.

No. 33—After clause 13, page 13, insert the following clauses:

Certain gifts not to be received

“13A. Section 306 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (1)(a) ‘or’ (last occurring);
- (b) by omitting paragraph (1)(b);
- (c) by omitting subsection (4).

Nil returns

“13B. Section 307 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (3).”.

No. 34—After clause 14, page 14, insert the following clauses:

Returns of electoral expenditure

“14A. Section 309 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting subsection (1);
- (b) by omitting subsection (5) and substituting the following subsections:
 - ‘(5) A person is not required to furnish a return under subsection (4) in respect of an election:
 - (a) if the total amount of the electoral expenditure incurred in relation to the election by or with the authority of the person (being electoral

expenditure of the kind referred to in paragraph 308(1)(h)) is not more than the prescribed amount; and

- (b) if the total amount of the electoral expenditure incurred in relation to the election by or with the authority of the person (being electoral expenditure other than that to which paragraph (a) applies) is not more than \$200.

‘(6) A person is not required to include in a return under subsection (4) in respect of an election details of electoral expenditure incurred in relation to the election by or with the authority of the person (being electoral expenditure of the kind referred to in paragraph 308(1)(h)) if the total amount of that expenditure is not more than the amount prescribed for the purposes of paragraph (5)(a).

‘(7) A person is not required to include in a return under subsection (4) in respect of an election details of electoral expenditure incurred in relation to the election by or with the authority of the person (being electoral expenditure other than that to which subsection (6) applies) if the total amount of that expenditure is not more than \$200.

‘(8) Despite section 48 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, regulations made for the purposes of paragraph (5)(a) of this section take effect:

- (a) on the first day on which they are no longer liable to be disallowed, or to be taken to have been disallowed, under section 48 of that Act; or
 (b) on such later date as is specified in the regulations.’

Nil returns

“14B. Section 313 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2).”

No. 35—Clause 15, page 14, proposed subsection 314AA(2), lines 37 to 39, omit the subsection, substitute the following subsections:

“(2) Subject to the regulations, subsection (1) does not require particulars of a person or organisation referred to in paragraph (1)(a) to be included in a return if the total of all amounts referred to in that paragraph received from the person or organisation is less than \$1,500.

‘(2A) Subject to the regulations, subsection (1) does not require particulars of a person or organisation referred to in paragraph (1)(b) to be included in a return if the total of all amounts referred to in that paragraph paid to the person or organisation is less than \$1,500.

‘(2B) Subject to the regulations, subsection (1) does not require particulars of a person or organisation referred to in paragraph (1)(c) to be included in a return if the total of all outstanding amounts referred to in that paragraph owed to the person or organisation is less than \$1,500.”

No. 36—Clause 15, page 14, after proposed subsection 314AA(2), insert the following subsection:

“(2C) Returns provided in accordance with this section are not to include lists of party membership.”

No. 37—Clause 15, page 14, at end of proposed section 314AA, add the following subsections:

“(4) Despite section 48 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, regulations made for the purposes of subsection (2) of this section take effect:

- (a) on the first day on which they are no longer liable to be disallowed, or to be taken to have been disallowed, under section 48 of that Act; or
 (b) on such later date as is specified in the regulations.

‘(5) The particulars required to be furnished under subsection (1) of the persons and organisations referred to in paragraph (1)(a) are as follows:

- (a) if the organisation is an unincorporated association:
 (i) the name of the association; and

- (ii) the names and addresses of the members of the executive committee (however described) of the association;
 - (b) if an amount referred to in paragraph (1)(a) was purportedly paid out of a trust fund or out of the funds of a foundation:
 - (i) the names and addresses of the trustees of the fund or of the funds of the foundation; and
 - (ii) the title or other description of the trust fund, or the name of the foundation, as the case requires;
 - (c) in any other case—the name and address of the person or organisation.”.
- No. 38—After clause 15, page 14, insert the following clause:

“15B. After section 311 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Annual returns of income and expenditure of Commonwealth Departments

‘311B.(1) Subject to this section, the principal officer of each Commonwealth Department must attach a statement to its annual report setting out particulars of all amounts paid by, or on behalf of, the Commonwealth Department during the financial year to:

- (i) advertising agencies;
- (ii) market research organisations;
- (iii) polling organisations;
- (iv) direct mail organisations; and
- (v) media advertising organisations;

and the persons or organisations to whom those amounts were paid.

‘(2) Nothing in subsection (1) requires particulars of a payment made by a Commonwealth Department in a financial year to be included in a return if the value of the payment is less than \$1,500.

‘(3) The first return under this section need only contain particulars in relation to the period starting on the commencement of this section and ending on the next 30 June.

‘(4) In this section:

“Commonwealth Department” means:

- (a) a Department of State of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) a Department of the Parliament; or
- (c) a branch or part of the Australian Public Service in relation to the staff of which a person has, under an Act, the powers of, or exercisable by, a Secretary under the *Public Service Act 1922*;

“principal officer” means:

- (a) in relation to a Department—the person holding, or performing the duties of, the office of Secretary of the Department; and
- (b) in relation to a branch or part of the Australian Public Service referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of Commonwealth Department, the person who has, under an Act, the powers of, or exercisable by, a Secretary under the *Public Service Act 1922*.”.

No. 39—Clause 16, page 15, at end of clause, add the following paragraph:

“(c) by adding at the end the following subsection:

‘(11) A prosecution in respect of an offence against a provision of this section (being an offence committed on or after the commencement of this subsection) may be started at any time within 3 years after the offence was committed.’.”.

No. 40—After clause 17, page 15, insert the following clause:

Records to be kept

“17A. Section 317 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by inserting ‘, on or after the commencement of Part 3 of the *Political Broadcasts and Political Disclosures Act 1991*,’ after ‘Where’;
- (b) by omitting ‘one year’ and substituting ‘3 years’.”.

No. 41—Clause 20, page 16, lines 16 to 26, omit the clause.

No. 42—Clause 21, page 16, lines 27 to 30, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Interference with political liberty etc.

“21. Section 327 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following subsection:

‘(2) A person must not discriminate against another person on the ground of the making by the other person of a donation to a political party, to a State branch or a division of a State branch of a political party, to a candidate in an election or by-election or to a group:

- (a) by denying him or her access to membership of any trade union, club or other body;
- (b) by not allowing him or her to work or to continue to work;
- (c) by subjecting him or her to any form of intimidation or coercion;
- (d) by subjecting him or her to any other detriment.

Penalty:

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—\$5,000 or imprisonment for 2 years, or both; or
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—\$20,000.’”.

No. 43—After clause 22, page 16, insert the following clause:

“22A. After section 386 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Particulars of candidates

‘386A.(1) The Commission must, within the prescribed period in relation to the next general election held after the commencement of this section, cause documents to be prepared in accordance with the regulations and delivered to each household in Australia.

‘(2) Each document must, as far as practicable, be printed on recycled paper.

‘(3) A document delivered to a household under this section must contain relevant information about:

- (a) each nominated House of Representatives candidate in the Division where the household is situated; and
- (b) each nominated Senate candidate in the State or Territory where the household is situated;

together with such policy statements as are prescribed.

‘(4) For the purposes of subsection (3), the following information is relevant information about a candidate:

- (a) the candidate’s full name;
- (b) the name of the registered political party (if any) which is to be printed adjacent to the candidate’s name on the ballot paper for the forthcoming election under section 214;
- (c) prescribed information (if any) about the candidate’s qualifications, career, occupation and interests, being information supplied by the candidate to the Commission.

‘(5) A document under this section must also contain:

- (a) if a candidate to which it relates supplies the Commission with a photograph of the candidate—a black and white reproduction of the photograph in the prescribed form; or
- (b) if no such photograph is supplied by a candidate, but the candidate supplies instead what purports to be a depiction of the logo of the registered political party which is to be printed adjacent to the candidate’s name on the ballot paper for the forthcoming election under section 214—a black and white reproduction of that depiction in the prescribed form.

(6) Any failure by the Commission to comply with this section, or anything contained in any document delivered under this section, has no effect:

- (a) on the general election referred to in subsection (1) or on any Senate election conducted at the same time as that general election; or
- (b) on the election of any person as a member of the House of Representatives or as a Senator as a result of such an election.

(7) No civil or criminal action or proceeding of any kind lies against the Commission or any other person (other than a candidate) or body in relation to the preparation, publication or delivery of any document under this section, or in relation to any matter contained in any such document.’.”

No. 44—After clause 22, page 16, insert the following clause:

Application to A.C.T. elections

“22B. Despite anything in this Act, Part XX of the Principal Act, as that Part applied to general elections of members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory immediately before the commencement of this section, continues so to apply to those general elections on and after that commencement as if the amendments of that Part by this Act had not been enacted.”

No. 45—Clause 24, page 17, paragraph (a), proposed subsection 25(1A), line 4, omit “95A, 95B, 95C and 95D”, substitute “95B, 95C, 95D, 95DA and 95DL”.

No. 46—At end of bill, page 17, add the following Part:

**“PART 6—AMENDMENTS OF THE INCOME TAX
ASSESSMENT ACT 1936**

Principal Act

“27. In this Part, ‘Principal Act’ means the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

“28. Section 51 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection 51(7) the following subsection:

(7A) The total deduction allowable to a taxpayer under paragraph 78(1)(aaa) in a year of income shall be limited to \$100.’.

Contributions, pensions, etc.

“29.(1) Section 78 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by inserting after paragraph (1)(a) the following paragraph:

‘(aaa) contributions (not being testamentary contributions) of the value of \$2 and upwards of money or of property other than money which was purchased by the taxpayer within 12 months immediately preceding the making of the contribution, made by the taxpayer (where the taxpayer is not a company) in the year of income to a registered political party within the meaning of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*;’;

- (b) by omitting from subsections (1A) and (2) ‘paragraph (1)(a)’ and substituting ‘paragraph (1)(a) or (aaa)’.

(2) The amendments made by subsection (1) apply to contributions made on or after 1 July 1991.”

No. 47—Title, page 1, omit “and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*, and for related purposes”, substitute “the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* and the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, and for related purposes”.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 70

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

NOES, 65

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Transport and Communications), the House adopted the report.

34 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 357

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to veterans' affairs, and for related matters*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 2 December 1991

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE
Clause 16, page 9, proposed section 118F (including the Notes), lines 7 to 19, omit the section, substitute the following section:

“‘118F.(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person to whom section 118A applies is eligible for an advance pharmaceutical allowance.

- ‘(2) A person is not eligible for an advance pharmaceutical allowance if:
- (a) the person is receiving a service pension; and
 - (b) the only reason why section 118A applies to the person is that the person is receiving that pension; and
 - (c) the Commission is satisfied that the person’s ordinary income exceeds \$20.00 per fortnight.

Note: for ‘ordinary income’ see subsection 5H(1).

‘(3) If the person is a member of a couple, the amount of the person’s ordinary income for the purposes of this section is worked out by adding the couple’s ordinary incomes (on a fortnightly basis) and dividing by 2.

Note: for “member of a couple” see subsections 5E(1), (2), (3) and (4).”.

On the motion of Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), the amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

Mr Humphreys moved—That the report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

35 **SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr R. F. Edwards (Chairman) presented the following report:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 27 February 1992.

36 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1991:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 378

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the law relating to taxation*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 18 December 1991

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE
No. 1—Clause 39, pages 24 and 25, proposed subsection 82BB(1), line 35

(page 24) to line 36 (page 25), omit the subsection, substitute the following subsection:

Deduction of allowable environmental impact expenditure

“82BB. (1) Subject to this Subdivision, if a taxpayer incurs allowable environmental impact expenditure during a year of income (in this section called the “current year of income”) in connection with an income-producing project of the taxpayer, then:

- (a) if a decision is made before the end of the current year of income to abandon the project—100% of the expenditure is an allowable deduction for the current year of income; or
- (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply and the project ends before the end of the current year of income—the expenditure is an allowable deduction for the current year of income; or
- (c) if it is not practicable to readily estimate, as at the end of the current year of income, the time when the project will end—33½% of the expenditure is an allowable deduction for:
 - (i) the current year of income; and
 - (ii) each of the 2 subsequent years of income; or
- (d) if:
 - (i) none of the above paragraphs apply; and
 - (ii) it is practicable to readily estimate, as at the end of the current year of income, the year of income (in this paragraph called the “final year of income”) in which the end of the project will occur; and
 - (iii) the final year of income is one of the 3 years of income subsequent to the current year of income;
 equal parts of the expenditure are respectively allowable deductions for:
 - (iv) the current year of income; and
 - (v) the final year of income; and
 - (vi) the second year of income (if any); or
- (e) if:
 - (i) none of the above paragraphs apply; and
 - (ii) it is practicable to readily estimate, as at the end of the current year of income, the year of income (in this paragraph called the “final year of income”) in which the end of the project will occur; and
 - (iii) the final year of income is later than the third year of income subsequent to the current year of income;
 33½% of the expenditure is an allowable deduction for:
 - (iv) the current year of income; and
 - (v) each of the 2 subsequent years of income.”.

No. 2—Clause 112, page 68, after proposed section 14ZY, insert the following section:

Person may require Commissioner to make an objection decision

“14ZYA. (1) This section applies if the taxation objection has been lodged with the Commissioner within the 60 days and the Commissioner has not made an objection decision by whichever is the later of the following times:

- (a) the end of the period (in this section called the “original 60-day period”) of 60 days after whichever is the later of the following days:
 - (i) the day on which the taxation objection is lodged with the Commissioner;
 - (ii) if the Commissioner decides under section 14ZX to agree to a request in relation to the taxation objection—the day on which the decision is made;

(b) if the Commissioner, by written notice served on the person within the original 60-day period, requires the person to give information relating to the taxation objection—the end of the period of 60 days after the Commissioner receives that information.

(2) The person may give the Commissioner a written notice requiring the Commissioner to make an objection decision.

(3) If the Commissioner has not made an objection decision by the end of the period of 60 days after being given the notice, then, at the end of that period, the Commissioner is taken to have made a decision under subsection 14ZY(1) to disallow the taxation objection.”

No. 3—Schedule 4, page 88, amendment to Schedule 1 to the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*, at end of proposed paragraph (ga), add “disallowing objections to assessments or calculations of tax, charge or duty”.

Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That Senate amendment No. 1 be disagreed to, but that, in place thereof, the following amendment be made:

Clause 39, pages 24 and 25, proposed paragraphs 82BB(1)(a) and (b), omit the paragraphs, substitute the following paragraph:

“(a) if:

(i) a decision is made before the end of the current year of income to abandon the project; or

(ii) the project ends before the end of the current year of income; the expenditure is an allowable deduction for the current year of income; or”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr Free, Senate amendments Nos. 2 and 3 were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

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

On the motion of Mr Free, the House adopted the report.

37 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT—APPROVAL OF INSTRUMENTS: Mr Kerin (Minister for Transport and Communications), by leave, moved—That the House approves, under section 409 of the *Telecommunications Act 1991*, the following instruments tabled in the House on 26 November 1991:

Telecommunications (General Telecommunications Licences) Declaration (No. 1) of 1991;

Telecommunications (General Telecommunications Licences) Declaration (No. 2) of 1991;

A General Carrier Licence, containing a Schedule of Declarations, for the Australian Telecommunications Corporation;

A General Carrier Licence, containing a Schedule of Declarations, for the Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Limited;

A General Carrier Licence, containing a Schedule of Declarations, for OTC Limited;

A General Carrier Licence, containing a Schedule of Declarations, for AUSSAT Pty Ltd;

Telecommunications (Public Mobile Licences) Declaration (No. 1) of 1991;

Telecommunications (Public Mobile Licences) Declaration (No. 2) of 1991;

A Public Mobile Licence, containing a Schedule of Declarations, for the Australian Telecommunications Corporation;

A Public Mobile Licence, containing a Schedule of Declarations, for the Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Limited;

A Public Mobile Licence, containing a Schedule of Declarations for Mobilcom (Australia) Pty Limited.
Question—put and passed.

- 38 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Duffy (Attorney-General), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 3, page 2, lines 1 to 5, omit the clause.

Schedule, page 5, proposed amendment of section 9 of the *Law Officers Act 1964*, omit the amendment.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Dubois reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Duffy, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 39 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Stage 3—Development of RAAF Base Tindal, NT (9th report of 1991).
CSIRO redevelopment, Parkville, Vic. (10th report of 1991).

Relocation of Naval Support Command Headquarters, Pyrmont, NSW (11th report of 1991).

Special Broadcasting Service, relocation of radio and television, Artarmon, NSW (12th report of 1991).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, Mr Mack and Mr Hawker, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

- 40 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES AT EAST BURWOOD, VIC.:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), by leave, 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: Construction of a new permanent repository for Australian Archives at East Burwood, Vic.
Mr Staples presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

- 41 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—INSTALLATION OF FIRE SPRINKLERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL BUILDING, SYDNEY AIRPORT:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), by leave, 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: Installation of fire sprinklers to the International Terminal Building, Sydney Airport.

Mr Staples presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 42 **DEVELOPMENT OF STAGE 3, RAAF BASE TINDAL, NT—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), by leave, 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 3—Development of RAAF Base Tindal, NT.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 43 **CSIRO REDEVELOPMENT, PARKVILLE, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), by leave, 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: CSIRO redevelopment, Parkville, Vic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 44 **RELOCATION OF NAVAL SUPPORT COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, PYRMONT, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), by leave, 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: Relocation of Naval Support Command Headquarters, Pyrmont, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 45 **SPECIAL BROADCASTING SERVICE, RELOCATION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION, ARTARMON, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), by leave, 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: Special Broadcasting Service, relocation of radio and television, Artarmon, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 46 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 12 and 13 (1991). Debate adjourned (Mr Costello), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 47 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

48 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 371

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'National Health Act 1953' in relation to private health insurance, nursing homes and pharmaceutical benefits, to amend the 'Health Insurance Act 1973' in relation to diagnostic imaging and pathology services, to repeal certain redundant provisions of the 'Health Insurance Amendment Act 1982', to amend the 'Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1954' in relation to hostels and community aged care services, to amend certain other Acts relating to health and community services, and for incidental purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 12 December 1991

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 23, page 16, lines 1 to 6, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Interpretation

"23. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (1) the following definitions:

"**physiotherapist**" means a person registered or licensed to practise physiotherapy under a law of a State or Territory that provides for the registration or licensing of physiotherapists;

"**podiatrist**" means a person registered or licensed to practise podiatry under a law of a State or Territory that provides for the registration or licensing of podiatrists;".

No. 2—Clause 24, page 16, lines 7 to 15, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Medicare benefits in relation to R-type diagnostic imaging services

"24. Section 16B of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by inserting after subparagraph (1)(b)(iii) the following words and subparagraphs:

'or (iv) subject to subsection (3A), a physiotherapist;

or (v) subject to subsection (3B), a podiatrist;';

(b) by inserting after subsection (3) the following headings and subsections: '[Physiotherapists may only request certain services]

(3A) A request made by a physiotherapist, acting in his or her capacity as a physiotherapist, for an R-type diagnostic imaging service to be rendered is not effective for the purposes of subsection (1) unless it is a request for a service of a kind specified in regulations made for the purposes of this subsection;';

['Podiatrists may only request certain services]

(3B) A request made by a podiatrist, acting in his or her capacity as a podiatrist, for an R-type diagnostic imaging service to be rendered is not effective for the purposes of subsection (1) unless it is a request for a service of a kind specified in regulations made for the purposes of this subsection.;

- (c) by omitting from paragraph (9)(a) 'dental practitioner or chiropractor' and substituting 'dental practitioner, chiropractor, physiotherapist or podiatrist';
- (d) by omitting from paragraph (9)(b) 'dental practitioner or chiropractor' and substituting 'dental practitioner, chiropractor, physiotherapist or podiatrist';
- (e) by inserting at the end of subsection (9) the following words and paragraphs:
 - ‘; and (e) if the requesting practitioner is a physiotherapist who made the request in his or her capacity as a physiotherapist—the request is not rendered ineffective by the operation of subsection (3A); and
 - (f) if the requesting practitioner is a podiatrist who made the request in his or her capacity as a podiatrist—the request is not rendered ineffective by the operation of subsection (3B)’.

No. 3—Clause 25, page 16, lines 16 to 18, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Interpretation

“25. Section 23DZF of the Principal Act is amended by adding ‘, a physiotherapist and a podiatrist’ at the end of the definition of ‘practitioner’.”.

On the motion of Mr Simmons (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Truss reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Simmons, the House adopted the report.

49 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 367

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘National Crime Authority Act 1984’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 11 December 1991

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 2, page 2, proposed subsection 29A(1), line 3, omit “may”, substitute “must, or may, as provided in subsection (2)”.

No. 2—Clause 2, page 2, proposed subsection 29A(2), lines 7 to 14, omit the subsection, substitute the following subsections:

“(2) A notation must not be included in the summons or notice except as follows:

- (a) the member must include the notation if satisfied that failure to do so would reasonably be expected to prejudice:
 - (i) the safety or reputation of a person; or
 - (ii) the fair trial of a person who has been or may be charged with an offence; or
 - (iii) the effectiveness of an investigation;
- (b) the member may include the notation if satisfied that failure to do so might prejudice:
 - (i) the safety or reputation of a person; or
 - (ii) the fair trial of a person who has been or may be charged with an offence; or
 - (iii) the effectiveness of an investigation;
- (c) the member may include the notation if satisfied that failure to do so might otherwise be contrary to the public interest.

“(2A) If a notation is included in the summons or notice, it must be accompanied by a written statement setting out the rights and obligations conferred or imposed by section 29B on the person who was served with, or otherwise given, the summons or notice.”.

On the motion of Mr Simmons (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), the amendments were agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Truss reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Simmons, the House adopted the report.

50 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BANK INTEGRATION BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 369

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to facilitate the integration of certain banks, and for related purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 12 December 1991

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 11, page 6, at end of clause, add the following subclause:

“(3) In subsection (2):

‘tax’, in relation to the complementary legislation of a particular State, does not include any fee or tax prescribed by the Corporations Regulations of that State.”.

No. 2—Clause 18, page 8, paragraph (2)(a), line 33, omit “trading”, substitute “business”.

On the motion of Mr Simmons (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Truss reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Simmons, the House adopted the report.

- 51 **PUBLIC SERVICE 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 Simmons (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), the Bill was read a third time.
- 52 **PRIMARY INDUSTRY COUNCILS 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 Simmons (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), the Bill was read a third time.
- 53 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Message No. 358, dated 5 December 1991, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority Act 1988’*”.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Free (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr Free 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.
- 54 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) moved—That the House—
 (1) at its rising at this sitting, adjourn until 2 January 1992 at 1.40 p.m., unless otherwise called together by the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, by the Chairman of Committees; and
 (2) at its rising on 2 January 1992 after an address by the President of the United States of America, adjourn until Tuesday, 25 February 1992, at 2 p.m., unless otherwise called together by the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, by the Chairman of Committees.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 55 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives:
 (1) from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting; and
 (2) if the House sits on 2 January 1992, from the determination of that sitting to the date of its next sitting.
 Question—put and passed.

56 **TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 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—

Mr Free (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) resumed his speech.

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

Debate, by leave, continued by Mr McLachlan 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 Bill is indicative of the Government’s failure to deliver a climate conducive to restructuring and long-term growth of the textile, clothing and footwear industries, in particular because it:

- (1) fails to address the excessive tax burden on the industries;
- (2) ignores the urgent need for industrial relations reform to promote genuine enterprise bargaining; and
- (3) fails to deliver the generational changes in policies, attitudes and leadership which are needed to make Australian industry internationally competitive, as proposed in the Coalition’s ‘Fightback’ program”.

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 Free, the Bill was read a third time.

57 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Message No. 373, dated 12 December 1991, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Therapeutic Goods Act 1989’, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Free (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

58 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1991:** Message No. 379, dated 19 December 1991 a.m., from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Commonwealth Employees’ Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988’, the ‘Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989’, the ‘Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1976’, the ‘Navigation Act 1912’, the ‘Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act 1991’ and the ‘Pipeline Authority Act 1973’, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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Debate continued.

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 and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 59 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1991—MEANS BY WHICH SENATE SEEKS AMENDMENT TO BILL—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:** The Speaker referred to a statement by the Deputy Speaker on 29 November 1991 a.m. concerning the nature of the Senate amendments to the Social Security Amendment Bill (No. 4) 1991, querying whether they should have been pursued as requests for amendments and presented the following paper:

Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 4) 1991—Copy of note prepared in the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, 17 December 1991.

Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), by leave, moved—That the House endorses the statement of the Speaker concerning the Senate's action in respect of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 60 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT COMMISSION BILL 1991:** Message No. 380, dated 19 December 1991, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to establish a National Road Transport Commission*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Leave granted for debate to ensue.

Mr Hawker 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 condemns the Government for entering into an agreement with the States which is flawed in that it fails to provide for:

(1) a thorough review of all inputs, taxes and charges paid by the road transport industry; and

(2) an investigation of the current level of efficiency of road construction and maintenance practices;

and notes that the Senate may act to rectify these omissions by referring the issue to a Senate Standing Committee for inquiry and report".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Hawker moved the following amendment: Clause 8, page 4, line 12 at the end of subclause (2) add "and is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*".

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Hollis, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 66

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beazley	Mr Duff	Mr Jenkins	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mr Johns	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Mr Elliott	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Ferguson	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Free	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Dr Catley	Mr Gear*	Mr Lindsay	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Walker
Mr Courtice	Mr Grace*	Mr Mack	Mr West
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Hand	Mr Melham	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wright
Mrs Darling	Mr Hulls	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys	Mr Newell	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Hollis reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

61 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 19 December 1991, were reported:

(a) returning the following Bills without amendment—Message—

No. 381—Insurance Laws Amendment 1991.

No. 382—Life Insurance Policy Holders' Protection Levies 1991.

No. 383—Life Insurance Policy Holders' Protection Levies Collection 1991.

No. 384—Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Amendment 1991 (*without requests*).

No. 385—General Insurance Supervisory Levy Amendment 1991 (*without requests*).

No. 386—Insurance Acquisitions and Takeovers 1991.

(b) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment No. 1 disagreed to by the House and has agreed to the amendment made by the House in place thereof—Message No. 387—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1991.

62 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENT BILL 1991: Message No. 388, dated 20 December 1991 a.m., from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Bankruptcy Act 1966’, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Duffy (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Leave granted for debate to ensue.

Mr Costello 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:

- (1) deplores the fact that Australia’s bankruptcy levels are the worst for 60 years; and
- (2) condemns the Government for its proposal to single out business owners and operators for special punishment by disqualifying them from early discharge from bankruptcy”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Costello, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 19, page 22, after proposed subsection 77AA(1) insert the following subsection:

“(1A) A trustee may by application in writing request the Official Receiver, or an officer authorised in writing by the Official Receiver, to enter premises on behalf of the trustee to seek information for any purposes of this Act and, if the Official Receiver, or an officer authorised in writing by the Official Receiver, acts on behalf of a trustee pursuant to such an application, the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section apply in respect of such actions provided that:

- (a) the application by a trustee shall contain reasonable details of the information or the type of information sought and the reasons the trustee requires the information; and
- (b) if the Official Receiver acts on behalf of a trustee as provided by this subsection, on presentation by the Official Receiver of documentary evidence to support the claim, the trustee shall reimburse, out of the proceeds of the property of the bankrupt estate, the Official Receiver for costs and expenses incurred by the Official Receiver in so acting.”.

Clause 27, page 63, omit proposed section 149Z.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Hollis reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Duffy, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

63 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Duffy (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 2.24 a.m., adjourned until 2 January 1992, at 1.40 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to at this sitting.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 December 1991:

- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 396.
- Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1990-91.
- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 363.
- Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 408.
- Australian Capital Territory (Electoral) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 397.
- Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 415.
- Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders—1991—No. M47/91—1992 Performance.
- No. MQ41/91—Sheepmeat and goatmeat exports to the EC.
- Broadcasting Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 482, 483.
- Cattle Transaction Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 367.
- Child Care Act—Guidelines pursuant to section 12A, 12 December 1991 (2).
- Civil Aviation Act—
 - Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—
 - 20—Amendment, 3 December 1991.
 - 33—Amendment, 17 December 1991.
 - 40—Amendment, 10 December 1991.
 - 82—Amendment, 5 December 1991.
 - 101—Amendment, 17 December 1991.
 - 105—Amendments, 27 and 29 November 1991 and 5 December 1991.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 382, 409, 410.
- Cotton Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 402.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 384, 413.
- Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1991—Nos. 99, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119.
- Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 364.
- Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 383.
- Family Law Act—
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 401.
 - Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 414.
- Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 395.
- Fisheries Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 371, 417.
- Freedom of Information Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 399.
- Health Insurance Act—
 - Determination pursuant to subsections 23DNB(6) and 23DNC(5), 11 December 1991.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 351, 352, 353, 365.
- Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—1991—
 - No. T47—Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes (Distance Education Centres).

- No. T48—Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes (Transfer of funds from DEC to RMIT Operating grant).
- No. T49—Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes (Reimbursement of HECS Revenue for State funded places—1990 and adjustment 1989).
- No. T50—Grants for Expenditure for Limited Operating Purposes (Supplementation).
- No. T51—Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes (Supplementation).
- No. T52—Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes (Staff Development Fund—Supplementation).
- No. T53—Grants in respect of Teaching Hospitals (Supplementation).
- Nos. T54, T55, T56—Grants for Building Projects.
- Honey Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 407.
- Honey Levy Act (No. 1)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 405.
- Honey Levy Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 406.
- Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act—Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Regulations—Orders—1991—No. 2.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 390, 391.
- Industrial Relations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 366.
- International Labour Organisation—International Labour Conference—77th Session, 1990—
- Conventions—
- No. 170—Safety in the use of chemicals at work.
- No. 171—Night work.
- Protocol of 1990 to the Night Work (Women) Convention (revised), 1948.
- Recommendations—
- No. 177—Safety in the use of chemicals at work.
- No. 178—Night work.
- Statement by the Minister for Industrial Relations relating to instruments adopted by the Conference.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 125(3).
- Live-stock Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 369.
- Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 368.
- Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 400.
- National Health Act—
- Amendments to the principles formulated under subsection 40AA(7), 3 December 1991.
- Pharmaceutical Benefits—1991—Determinations—Nos. PB10, PB14.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, Nos. 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 411.
- Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act and Horticultural Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 404.
- Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act and Horticultural Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 403.
- Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts, sections and subsections of Acts shall come into operation—
- Crimes Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1991*—Part 8—6 December 1991.
- Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment Act 1991*—Paragraphs 28(b), (c), (d) and (e) and sections 30 and 31—10 December 1991.

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1991—Subsections 3(3) and (4) and amendments made by that Act to the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*—12 December 1991.

Trusts (Hague Convention) Act 1991—1 January 1992.

Public Service Act—

Determinations—1991—Nos. 228, 235, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 263, 266, 276, 281, 291, 294, 295, 297, 298, 301, 302, 303, 320, 321, 322, LES 22, LES 23.

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ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Filing, Mr Keating, Mr Rocher*, Mr Sciacca and Mr Snow.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives