

1993

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1993

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

2 ABSENCE OF SPEAKER

The Clerk having informed the House that the Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) was absent until later this day, the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.

3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—QUESTION TIME

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent at this sitting:

- (1) the interruption of business required by standing order 101A occurring at approximately 12 noon; and
- (2) questions without notice being called on at 3 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in relation to the proceedings on the following Bills, so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the House making one declaration of urgency and moving one motion for the allotment of time in respect of all the Bills:

Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1993-94;

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1993-94;

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1993-94;

Loan Bill 1993;

States Grants (General Purposes) Bill 1993;

Wool International Bill 1993;

Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Bill 1993;

Wool Legislation (Repeals and Consequential Provisions) Bill 1993; and
Wool Tax (Nos. 1 to 5) Amendment Bills 1993.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Adams	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Sawford
Mr Baldwin	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Knott	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Beddall	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bilney	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Dr Blewett	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Mr Brereton	Mr Grace*	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Brown	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay*	Mr Swan
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Haviland	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Ms Crawford	Ms Henzell	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Tickner
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Newell	Mr Walker
Mr Cunningham	Mr Horne	Mr O'Connor	Mr Willis
Ms Deahm	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Woods
Mr Dodd	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	
Mr Duncan	Mr Johns	Mr Punch	
Mrs Easson	Mrs Kelly	Mr Quick	

NOES, 58

Mr Anderson	Mr Filing*	Mr Mack	Mr Ronaldson
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr McLachlan	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Atkinson	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mr Slipper
Mr Bradford	Mr Halverson	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Nugent	Mr Tuckey
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock	Mr Vaile
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Dobie	Mr Lieberman	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Reith	
Mr Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) declared that the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1993-94, Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1993-94, Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1993-94, Loan Bill 1993, States Grants (General Purposes) Bill 1993, Wool International Bill 1993, Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Bill 1993, Wool Legislation (Repeals and Consequential Provisions) Bill 1993 and Wool Tax (Nos. 1 to 5) Amendment Bills 1993 were urgent Bills.

Question—That the Bills be considered urgent Bills—put and passed.

Allotment of time: Mr Beazley then moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Bills be as follows:

(1) Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1993-94—

In committee—

Schedule 3—Proposed expenditures for Departments of—

- (a) Employment, Education and Training, until 11.30 a.m. this day.
- (b) Defence, until noon this day.

- (c) Primary Industries and Energy and Tourism, until 4.40 p.m. this day.
- (d) Social Security, until 5 p.m. this day.
- (e) Arts and Administrative Services, until 5.20 p.m. this day.
- (f) Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs, until 5.50 p.m. this day.
- (g) Foreign Affairs and Trade, until 6.10 p.m. this day.
- (h) Industry, Technology and Regional Development and Industrial Relations, until 6.40 p.m. this day.
- (i) Environment, Sport and Territories, until 7 p.m. this day.
- (j) Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, until 7.20 p.m. this day.

Remainder of bill, until 7.25 p.m. this day.

Remaining stages, until 7.30 p.m. this day.

- (2) Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1993-94—For the remaining stages, until 4.10 p.m. on Thursday, 7 October.
- (3) Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1993-94—For the remaining stages, until 5 p.m. on Thursday, 7 October.
- (4) Loan Bill 1993—For the remaining stages, until 5.45 p.m. on Thursday, 7 October.
- (5) States Grants (General Purposes) Bill 1993—For the remaining stages, until 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 7 October.
- (6) Wool International Bill 1993—For the remaining stages, until 11.15 p.m. on Thursday, 7 October.
- (7) Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Bill 1993—For the remaining stages, until 11.20 p.m. on Thursday, 7 October.
- (8) Wool Legislation (Repeals and Consequential Provisions) Bill 1993—For the remaining stages until 11.25 p.m. on Thursday, 7 October.
- (9) Wool Tax (Nos. 1 to 5) Amendment Bills 1993—For the remaining stages, until 11.30 p.m. on Thursday, 7 October.

Question—put and passed.

6 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1993-94

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Speech time limits—Statement by Chairman of Committees

The Chairman of Committees stated that, while standing order 91 provided that in the committee of the whole no limitation of time is imposed on the Minister in charge, in future a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary rising would be asked by the Chair if they are acting as Minister in charge, with time limits being applied or not applied according to the response given.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment, Education and Training, \$2 663 638 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 11.30 a.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Defence, \$10 336 997 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Primary Industries and Energy, \$291 555 000—

Department of Tourism, \$100 008 000—

together—

It being approximately 12 noon, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Newell reported accordingly.

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

7 QUESTION TIME—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement in response to a question asked of him yesterday by Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) concerning the termination of question time. The Speaker also referred to standards of behaviour and the responsibility of the Speaker in administering the standing orders fairly to ensure the effective and efficient conduct of business. The Speaker stated that repeated infringements of the standing orders would not be tolerated and Members would be named without warning if such behaviour persisted.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statement for September 1993.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during September 1993.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report for 1992-93.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Nuclear Safety Bureau—Report for period 1 April-30 June 1993.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Summary report—Research and technology in tropical Australia and their application to the development of the region, August 1993.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—60th report, for 1992-93.

Meat Research Corporation Act—Meat Research Corporation—Report for 1992-93.

Republic Advisory Committee—Report—An Australian Republic—The options—

An overview.

Volume 1—Report.

Volume 2—Appendices.

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Limited—Report for 1992-93.

10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following papers:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statement for September 1993.

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Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report for 1992-93.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Nuclear Safety Bureau—Report for period 1 April-30 June 1993.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Summary report—Research and technology in tropical Australia and their application to the development of the region, August 1993.

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An overview.

Volume 1—Report.

Volume 2—Appendices.

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Limited—Report for 1992-93.

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

11 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following report:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—56th General Report of the Committee, 1993, pursuant to the Public Works Committee Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1993-94

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Primary Industries and Energy, \$291 555 000—

Department of Tourism, \$100 008 000—

together debated.

Limitation of debate: At 4.40 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditures had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Social Security, \$1 148 364 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 5 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Arts and Administrative Services, \$920 293 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 5.20 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services, \$2 295 504 000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$1 607 572 000—

together debated.

Limitation of debate: At 5.50 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditures had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, \$2 182 224 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 6.10 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Industry, Technology and Regional Development, \$1 359 152 000—

Department of Industrial Relations, \$163 732 000—
together debated.

Limitation of debate: At 6.40 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditures had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories, \$482 829 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 7 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$429 812 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 7.20 p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Newell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Services), the House adopted the report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13 ADJOURNMENT

Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.03 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 October 1993:

Child Care Act—Guidelines CCA/4B/93/2.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement under subsection 40(1).

Public Service Act—Determinations—1993 Nos. 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1993 No. 11.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cleeland, Mr Duffy, Mr Elliott, Dr Hewson, Mr Jones, Mr Lloyd, Mr Simmons, Mr Sinclair and Mr Somlyay.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives