

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 1994

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 28 February 1994, were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House that Senator Gibson had been appointed a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Message No. 213; and
- (b) returning the following Bill without amendment:

Ministers of State Amendment 1994—Message No. 214.

3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY (HOME CHILD CARE AND PARTNER ALLOWANCES) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 215

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Social Security Act 1991’, and for related purposes*”, and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by the annexed schedule.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 28 February 1994

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered at the next sitting.

4 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1993-94

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 Punch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

5 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1993-94

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Punch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

6 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1993-94

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Punch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

7 PAPER

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) presented the following paper:

Roster of Ministers to attend question time as at 1 March 1994.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1992-93.

Higher education funding for the 1994-96 triennium—Report by Minister for Employment, Education and Training.

National Food Authority Act—National Food Authority—Report for 1992-93—Errata.

10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1992-93.

Higher education funding for the 1994-96 triennium—Report by Minister for Employment, Education and Training.

National Food Authority Act—National Food Authority—Report for 1992-93—Errata.

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

11 ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—ROYAL COMMISSION—IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs) presented the following papers:

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of Commonwealth Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—1st report, for 1992-93—Volumes 1 and 2—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

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

Mr Tickner, by leave, moved—That the report be referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

Question—put and passed.

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FEDERAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

The House was informed that Mrs Moylan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The serious implications for Western Australia of the constant and continuous erosion of Australia’s federal system of government”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mrs Moylan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 WET TROPICS OF QUEENSLAND WORLD HERITAGE AREA CONSERVATION BILL 1994

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.

Mr Braithwaite addressing the House—

14 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 March 1994:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—

Declaration under section 9 relating to significant Aboriginal areas, Western Australia, 3 February 1994.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 28.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinance 1994 No. 1.

Defence Act—

Determination under section 52—1994 No. 1.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 26.

Family Law Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 25.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 27.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations Nos. T1/94, T2/94, T3/94, T4/94.

Migration Act—

Statements (4) under section 115.

Statements (3) under section 137.

National Health Act—Determination 1994 No. HIT 2.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1994 Nos. 3, 4, 11, 16, 17, 19.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Baldwin, Mr Bilney, Mr Brereton, Mr Hollis, Mr Howe, Mr Keating, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kerr, Mr Lavarch and Ms McHugh.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives