

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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**TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 1985**

1 **MEETING OF SENATE:** The Senate met at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The President (Senator the Honourable Douglas McClelland) took the Chair.

2 **PRAYERS.**

3 **PETITIONS:** The following 12 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senators Kilgariff and Short, from 46 and 18 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Costigan Royal Commission be reactivated and provided with sufficient resources to conclude its investigations into organised crime in Australia.

Senator Chipp, from 59 petitioners praying that all members of Parliament support the Nuclear Weapons Prohibitions Bill 1984.

Senators Baume, Sir John Carrick and Childs, from 145, 109 and 93 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate act to protect society from moral pollution and its harmful effects.

Senators Black and Chipp, from 10 and 24 petitioners, respectively, praying that post-secondary tuition fees and any form of the user-pays principle in education not be introduced, that student financial assistance be increased and that visa charges on private overseas students be removed.

Senator Baume, from 8 petitioners praying that no measures be taken to legalise drug usage and that the Government increase support facilities for drug users.

Senator Zakharov, from 50 petitioners praying that legislation for any plant variety rights system which gives exclusive ownership rights over seeds to individuals, organisations or enterprises be not passed.

Senator Messner, from 425 petitioners praying that the Senate pass the Social Security and Repatriation (Abolition of Assets Test) Bill 1985.

Senator Messner, from 1011 petitioners praying that the Australian flag be not changed without the consent of the people in a referendum.

4 **NOTICES:** Notices of Motion were given, as follows—

The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans): To move on the next day of sitting—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*.

Senator Jack Evans: To move on the next day of sitting—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to establish a register of foreign corporations owning or controlling Australian property.

Senator Harradine: To move on the next day of sitting—

(1) That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the succeeding provision of this Resolution having effect.

(2) That the following Bill be restored to the Notice Paper and that consideration of the Bill be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of Parliament: Remuneration and Allowances Amendment Bill 1984 (No. 2).

**5 GOVERNMENT PAPERS:** The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes) tabled the following Papers:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Annual Report for period 26 June 1983 to 30 June 1984, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Statement by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Annual Report (11th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Audit Act—National Exhibition Centre Trust—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Australian Capital Territory—

Agents Board—Annual Report (13th) 1983-84.

Building Review Committee—Annual Report (7th) 1983-84.

Bush Fire Council—Annual Report 1983-84.

Nominal Defendant—Annual Report 1983.

Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Security Appeals Tribunal—Annual Report (5th) 1983-84.

Broadcasting and Television Act—

Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Special Broadcasting Service—Annual Report (6th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Canberra Theatre Trust—Annual Report (18th) 1982-83, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—

Annual Report 1982-83.

Annual Report 1983-84.

Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Services Limited—Annual Report (33rd) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Annual Report 1983-84.

Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Annual Report 1983-84.

Criminology Research Act—

Australian Institute of Criminology—Annual Report (12th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Criminology Research Council—Annual Report (12th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Department of Territories and Local Government—Annual Report 1983-84.

Family Law Act—

Family Law Council—Annual Report (8th) 1983-84.

Institute of Family Studies—Annual Report (4th) 1983-84.

Freedom of Information Act—Annual Report (2nd) 1983-84 by the Attorney-General.

Housing Assistance Act—Annual Report 1982-83 on the 1981 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement.

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Annual Report (20th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report 1983-84, on the operations of the Act, and, insofar as they relate to Australia, of the International

Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Labour Market Programs—Statement by the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations on the Report of the Committee of Inquiry, dated 27 February 1985.

National Aboriginal Conference—The Role of the Conference—Report by Dr H. C. Coombs, dated April 1984.

Statement by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Annual Report (27th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

National Companies and Securities Commission Act—National Companies and Securities Commission—Annual Report (5th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

New Parliament House—Updated Cost—Statement by the Acting Minister for Territories, dated 28 February 1985.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth Ombudsman—Annual Report (7th) 1983-84, together with Defence Force Ombudsman—Annual Report (1st) 1983-84.

Phosphate Mining Company of Christmas Island Limited—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Superannuation Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Annual Report 1983-84 and Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Additional statement by the Auditor-General on the Superannuation Fund Investment Trust financial statements, dated 22 February 1985.

**6 QUESTIONS:** Questions without Notice being proceeded with—

*Paper:* The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans) tabled the following Paper from which he had quoted:

Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Alleged telephone interceptions—Background paper.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

*Paper:* The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans) tabled the following Paper from which he had quoted:

Foreign affairs—Relations with Asian neighbours—Background paper.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

**7 PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:** Senator Peter Rae and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney), by leave, made personal explanations relating to a matter raised during Question Time this day.

*Pursuant to Sessional Order, consideration of Government Papers was called on.*

**8 GOVERNMENT PAPERS—CONSIDERATION:** Ordered, on the motion, by leave, of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney)—That the Government Paper relating to the Ministerial Statement on the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Labour Market Programs be first considered.

The following Government Paper, tabled earlier this day (*see Entry No. 5 above*), was then considered pursuant to Sessional Order:

Labour Market Programs—Statement by the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations on the Report of the Committee of Inquiry—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Messner and debated.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for Thursday at General Business.

*Pursuant to Sessional Order, consideration of Government Papers was interrupted.*

- 9 **ABORIGINAL HOSTELS LIMITED—ANNUAL REPORT 1983-84—PAPERS:** Senator Reid, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Papers:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Statement by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till Thursday at General Business, and that Senator Reid have leave to continue her speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 10 **COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS—ANNUAL REPORTS 1982-83 AND 1983-84—PAPERS:** Senator Reid, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Papers:

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—

Annual Report 1982-83.

Annual Report 1983-84.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till Thursday at General Business, and that Senator Reid have leave to continue her speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 11 **PAPERS:** The following Papers were tabled:

Airports (Business Concessions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 22.

Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 15.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 19.

Defence Act—Determinations 1985—

No. 8—Special Overseas Living Allowance.

No. 9—Resident Medical Officers—Additional Salary and others.

No. 10—Overseas Outfit Allowance and others.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 16.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 21.

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 20.

Live-stock Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 24.

Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 25.

Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Veterans' Affairs—Mr D. A. Gould.

Determination 1985 No. 12.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination 1985—No. 1—Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Public Offices—Official Secretary to the Governor-General and others, dated 8 February 1985.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances 1985—

No. 4—Co-operative Societies (Amendment).

No. 5—Credit.

No. 6—Agents (Amendment).

No. 7—Film Classification (Amendment).

No. 8—Public Trustee.

No. 9—Public Trustee (Miscellaneous Amendments).

No. 10—Supervision of Offenders (Community Service Orders).

No. 11—Crimes (Amendment).

Regulations 1985—

No. 4—(Pharmacy Ordinance).

No. 5—(Credit Ordinance).

No. 6—(Agents Ordinance).

*States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984*—Guidelines determined for the purposes of sub-sections 9 (3) and 9 (4).

Telecommunications Act—

By-laws 1985—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts) Amendment No. 53.

Telecommunications (Digital Data Charging) Amendment No. 30.

Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 23.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 17.

- 12 NATIONAL RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Gietzelt), at the request of the Minister for Finance (Senator Walsh) and by leave, made a statement responding to the Report of the Standing Committee on National Resources on Plant Variety Rights tabled on 3 May 1984.

Senator Collard, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Collard have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 13 QUEENSLAND RAINFORESTS CONSERVATION BILL 1985:** Senator Macklin, pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to ensure the conservation of the wet tropics of North-East Queensland.

Question—put and passed.

Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Macklin read a first time.

Senator Macklin, by leave, moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Robertson the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

- 14 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE—ASSENT TO LAW:** A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was reported, informing the Senate that His Excellency had, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following law:

14 March 1985—Message No. 1—

*Justices (Long Leave Payments) Amendment Act 1985* (Act No. 1 of 1985)

- 15 VIDEO MATERIAL—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 6

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day, and requests that the Senate concur and take action accordingly:

- (1) That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operation of Regulation 4A of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations and the ACT *Classification of Publications Ordinance 1983* in relation to videotapes and videodiscs and in particular—
  - (a) the effectiveness of such legislation by comparison with previous legislation purporting to govern the importation, production, reproduction, sale and hire of violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene material;
  - (b) whether the present classification system, as applied by the Film Censorship Board, is adequate as a basis for import and point of sale controls;

- (c) whether video retailers are observing the conditions of sale or hire attached to 'X' classified material, particularly in relation to children under 18 years;
  - (d) whether Regulation 4A of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations is adequate in identifying categories of prohibited material, and operating effectively in preventing the importation of videotapes/discs falling within the prohibited categories;
  - (e) whether children under the age of 18 years are gaining access to videotapes/discs containing violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene material;
  - (f) whether the *ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance 1983* should be amended to make it an offence for persons purchasing or hiring videotapes/discs classified above 'R' to allow, suffer or negligently permit children to view such material;
  - (g) whether cinemas should be permitted to screen for public exhibition material classified above 'R', subject to prohibition from entry of persons under the age of 18 years;
  - (h) whether films which would merit a classification above 'R' are being produced in Australia and if so whether Australian men and women are adequately protected by existing law from pressure to act in such films; and
  - (i) the likely effects upon people, especially children, of exposure to violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene material.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
  - (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
  - (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
  - (6) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
  - (7) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to move from place to place.
  - (8) That the committee report as soon as possible.
  - (9) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Senate Select Committee on Video Material appointed during the 33rd Parliament.
  - (10) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 27 February 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans), by leave, moved—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 6 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Video Material, subject to the following modifications—
  - (a) paragraph (1), after “joint select committee”, insert “, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Video Material,”;
  - (b) paragraph (1), after “operation of”, insert “the Customs (Cinematograph Films) Regulations,”;
  - (c) sub-paragraph 1 (a), leave out “by comparison with previous legislation purporting to govern”, insert “to adequately control”;
  - (d) sub-paragraph 1 (c), leave out “‘X’”;
  - (e) after sub-paragraph 1 (c), insert the following new sub-paragraph:
 

“(ca) whether ‘R’ rated videos should be permitted to be displayed for sale or hire in the same area and side by side with ‘G’, ‘PG’ and ‘M’ rated videos and, if not, what restrictions should be imposed on the display of ‘R’ rated material;”;
  - (f) after sub-paragraph 1 (d), insert the following new sub-paragraph:
 

“(da) examine the extent to which videotapes/discs containing pornographic and violent material are available to the community in general;”;
  - (g) after sub-paragraph 1 (f), insert the following new sub-paragraph:
 

“(fa) whether the sale, hire, distribution or exhibition of films and videotapes/discs that would, under existing laws, be accorded a classification above ‘R’ should be made unlawful;”;
  - (h) paragraph (2), leave out the paragraph, insert the following paragraph:
 

“(2) That the Committee consist of 9 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or any independent Senator or independent Senators.”.
- (2) That the provisions of the Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.
- (3) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives by Message, with a request for the concurrence of that House in the Senate’s modifications of the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by that House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**16 ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 13

The House of Representatives, having considered Message No. 10 of the Senate, acquaints the Senate that the House has agreed to the Senate’s modification of the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by the House for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 28 February 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

- 17 **PUBLIC WORKS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE**—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 14

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following Members of the House of Representatives have been appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz: Mr Andrew, Mr Halverson, Mr Hollis, Mr Keogh, Mr Millar and Mr Wright.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 28 February 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

- 18 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE**—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 15

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*, the following Members of the House of Representatives have been appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz: Mr Cadman, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Mayer, Mr Nehl, Mr Price, Mr Punch, Mr Rocher, Mr Sharp, Dr Theophanous and Mr Tickner.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 28 February 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

- 19 **BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE**—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 16

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, in addition to Mr Speaker, the following Members of the House of Representatives have been appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, viz: Mr Brumby, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Hicks, Mr Jull and Mr Maher.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 28 February 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

- 20 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—RE-ARRANGEMENT**: The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans) moved—That intervening business be postponed till after consideration of General Business, Order of the Day No. 25 (Finance and Government Operations—Standing Committee—Proposed Reference).

Question—put and passed.

- 21 **FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE**:

Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Robert Ray—That the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Government Operations: Present and planned changes in the presentation and structure of the appropriations presented to Parliament and consequential changes to the content and format of Departmental Explanatory Notes.

Question—put and passed.

- 22 **MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 1985**: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans)—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.



The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

*In the Committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Senator Durack moved an amendment, viz: Page 5, paragraph 15 (b), proposed new sub-section 39 (4), lines 2 to 7, leave out the proposed sub-section, insert the following sub-section:

“(4) Nothing in this Act shall prevent a person, not being a minister of religion, who is authorized under sub-section (2) to solemnize marriages, from contracting with the parties to an intended marriage for the payment, for the solemnization of that marriage by that person, of a fee that exceeds the fee prescribed by regulations made under section 120 that is applicable to the solemnization of that marriage by that person.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be left out be left out—put.

The Committee divided—

AYES, 31

Senators—

Archer	Guilfoyle,	MacGibbon	Sheil
Baume	Dame Margaret	Messner	Short
Bjelke-Petersen	Hamer	Missen	Teague
Boswell	Hill	Parer	Townley
Brownhill	Kilgariff	Puplick	Vanstone
Carrick, Sir John	Knowles	Rae, Peter	Walters
Collard	Lajovic	Reid (Teller)	Watson
Durack	Lewis	Scott	Withers

NOES, 39

Senators—

Aulich	Devlin	Harradine	Reynolds
Black	Elstob	Hearn	Richardson
Bolkus	Evans, Gareth	Jones	Robertson (Teller)
Button	Evans, Jack	McClelland	Ryan
Childs	Foreman	McIntosh	Sibraa
Chipp	Georges	McKiernan	Tate
Coates	Gietzelt	Macklin	Vigor
Cook	Giles	Maguire	Walsh
Cooney	Grimes	Primmer	Zakharov
Crowley	Haines	Ray, Robert	

Amendment negated accordingly.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Hamer) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Gareth Evans the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

## 23 TRUST RECOUPMENT TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1985

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### TRUST RECOUPMENT TAX (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985:

Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans)—That these Bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

- 24 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—RE-ARRANGEMENT:** The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes) moved—That intervening business be postponed till after consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 4 (Quarantine Amendment Bill 1985).

Question—put and passed.

- 25 **QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans)—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

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*In the Committee*

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Sibraa) resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Hamer) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Walsh) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 26 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 17

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of the *National Crime Authority Act 1984*, the following Members of the House of Representatives have been appointed members of the Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority, viz: Mr Brumby, Mr Duncan, Mr Griffiths, Mr McGauran and Mr Spender.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 19 March 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

- 27 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OPENING SPEECH—ADDRESS-IN-REPLY:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Aulich—That the following Address-in-Reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Debate resumed.

Senator Childs addressing the Chair—

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*And it being 10.30 p.m.—*

- 28 **ADJOURNMENT:** The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at 10.55 p.m. till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

29 **ATTENDANCE:** Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman (on leave), Colston, Crichton-Browne and Mason.

**A. R. CUMMING THOM,**  
Clerk of the Senate