

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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No. 15

TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 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 **DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR, THE HONOURABLE SIR KENNETH ANDERSON, K.B.E.:**  
The Leader of the Government (Senator Button) referred to the death, on 29 March 1985, of former Senator the Honourable Sir Kenneth Anderson, K.B.E., and, by leave, moved—That the Senate expresses its deep regret at the death, on 29 March 1985, of the Honourable Sir Kenneth McColl Anderson, K.B.E., a Senator for the State of New South Wales from 1953 to 1975, a Minister of the Crown from 1964 to 1972 and Leader of the Government in the Senate from 1968 to 1972, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.  
The motion having been supported and all Senators present having stood, in silence—  
Question—passed.

- 4 **PETITIONS:** The following 18 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senator Robertson, from 6 petitioners praying that Wilton be not considered as a site for Sydney's second airport.

Senator Elstob, from 198 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to introduce a Bill providing for a total ban on the export of live animals from Australia for consumption overseas.

Senator Ryan, from 20 petitioners praying that the commitment to the provision of post-secondary education free of direct charges to individual participants be reaffirmed.

Senator Richardson, from 1249 petitioners praying that the Senate disallow certain regulations and ordinances dealing with publications and video material, that action be taken to enforce existing laws, that further measures be taken in association with the States and that the censors more appropriately reflect reasonable and responsible community attitudes.

Senator Bolkus, from 235 petitioners praying that the Senate support the New Zealand Government in its stand for a nuclear-free South Pacific.

Senator Robertson, from 40 petitioners praying that the existing Australian National Flag be not changed.

Senator Messner, from 548 petitioners praying that the Senate repeal the Labor Government's iniquitous and unfair assets test.

Senator Ryan, from 144 petitioners praying that no further action be taken towards self-government in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) until after the holding of a referendum of voters of the ACT.

Senator Brownhill, from 42 petitioners praying that the Senate act to protect society from moral pollution and its harmful effects.

Senators Chipp, Colston, Gietzelt, MacGibbon, Ryan and Walsh, from 14, 20, 14, 23, 319 and 304 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 Ryan, from 4000 petitioners praying that the Senate reject post-secondary tuition fees and mandatory overseas student charges and that the commitment to free post-school education be reaffirmed.

Senator Messner, from 101 petitioners praying that the Australian flag be not changed without the consent of the people in a referendum.

Senator Short, from 17 petitioners praying that the Senate reject any changes to the design of the Australian National Flag without the prior approval of Australian citizens at a referendum.

5 NOTICES: Notices of Motion were given, as follows—

Senator Macklin: To move on the next day of sitting—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to ensure that the Members of the Parliament of the Commonwealth and of the Parliaments of the States and of self-governing Territories are chosen directly and democratically by the People.

The Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce (Senator Button): To move on the next day of sitting—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Automotive Industry Authority Act 1984* to promote the development of motor vehicles, and motor vehicle components, of Australian design, and for related purposes.

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 *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983* to confer additional functions on the Director, and for related purposes.

Senator Reynolds: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) condemns the Queensland Government for its policy of confrontation in implementing industrial legislation, which over-rides fundamental human rights by restricting freedom of assembly and freedom of the press; and
- (b) gives notice to the Queensland Premier that he must stop ignoring Australian traditions.

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

Airlines Agreement Act—

Australian National Airlines Commission (TAA) and Ansett Transport Industries Limited—Joint Report on Scope and Effectiveness of Consultations held during 1984 on (1) Passenger Revenue Load Factors and Aircraft Utilisation, and (2) Air Fares.

Operation of Passenger Air Services on Trunk Routes and Total Operation of Passenger Air Services—

Ansett Transport Industries Limited—Audited financial statements 1983-84.

Australian National Airlines Commission (TAA)—Financial Statements 1983-84, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Australian Bicentennial Authority—Annual Report (4th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—Annual Report (21st) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs Act—Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—Reducing the Risk: Report (3 vols) on Unemployed Migrant Youth and Labour Market Programs, dated 25 March 1985.

- Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Annual Report (15th) 1983-84.
- Department of the Special Minister of State—Annual Report 1983-84.
- Expenditure—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report on Taxation Expenditures—Government Response—Statement by the Treasurer.
- Family Law Council—Administration of Family Law in Australia—Report to the Attorney-General, dated 28 February 1985.
- Fisheries Act—
- Copies of Agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and—
    - Australian Southern Bluefin Exporters Pty Ltd, dated 19 October 1984.
    - Australian Tuna Fisheries Proprietary Ltd, dated 25 October 1984.
    - Dinko Lukin, Dinko Dean Lukin and David Frank Lukin, dated 29 October 1984.
    - Port Lincoln Tuna Processors Pty Ltd, dated 19 October 1984.
  - Copies of Subsidiary Agreements between the Government of Australia and the Governments of—
    - Japan concerning Japanese Tuna Long-line Fishing, signed in Canberra on 30 October 1984.
    - Republic of Korea concerning Squid Jigging by fishing vessels of the Republic of Korea, signed at Canberra on 16 October 1984.
- Housing Industry—Indicative Planning Council for the Housing Industry—Short-term Prospects Report, dated 19 March 1985.
- Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Reports—
- No. 9—Queensland *Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984*, dated 9 January 1985.
  - No. 10—The Human Rights of Australian-born Children: A Report on the Complaint of Mr and Mrs R. C. Au Yeung, dated 18 January 1985.
  - No. 11—Human Rights of the Terminally Ill: The Right of Terminally Ill Patients to have Access to Heroin for Painkilling Purposes, dated 4 March 1985.
- National Gallery Act—Australian National Gallery—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.
- Pig Industry Research Act—Australian Pig Industry Research Committee—Annual Report 1983-84.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Consumer Affairs Ordinance—Australian Capital Territory Consumer Affairs Council and Consumer Affairs Bureau—Annual Report (11th) 1983-84.
- Wheat Research Act—Annual Report 1983-84 by the Minister for Primary Industry.

#### 7 PARLIAMENTARY EVIDENCE—LIMITATION ON USE IN COURT PROCEEDINGS—

COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS OF JUDGE FOORD—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT—PAPERS: The President informed the Senate that he had made arrangements for counsel to appear before the New South Wales Local Court in committal proceedings in respect of Judge Foord to draw attention to the limitation which the law imposes on the use of parliamentary evidence in court proceedings.

The President then tabled the following Papers:

- Copy of letter and petition from Mr S. Masselos and Co., solicitors for Judge Foord, dated 12 April 1985, requesting the Senate to waive privilege in relation to a submission made to the Select Committee on the Conduct of a Judge.
- Copy of letter from the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Ian Temby, Q.C., to the President of the Senate, concerning a petition to the Senate on behalf of Judge Foord, dated 15 April 1985.

*Motion to take note:* The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans), by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

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

*Motion not to accede to petition:* Senator Gareth Evans, by leave, moved—That, with respect to the petition forwarded on behalf of Judge Foord, arising out of proceedings in the New South Wales Local Court, and tabled by the President this day, the Senate does not accede to the request contained in the petition.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

## 8 QUESTIONS.

- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:** The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) informed the Senate that Senator Peter Rae had proposed that a matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion, viz: "The failure of the Prime Minister and the Government to respond clearly and firmly to the depreciation of the Australian dollar".

And at least 4 Senators having risen in support of the proposed discussion—

The Deputy-President called upon Senator Peter Rae to speak.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

- 10 **GOVERNMENT PAPERS—CONSIDERATION:** The following Government Papers, tabled earlier this day (*see Entry No. 6 above*), were considered pursuant to Sessional Order:

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Peter Rae and agreed to.

Family Law Council—Report on Administration of Family Law in Australia—Motion to take note of Paper moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) and debated.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate, pursuant to Sessional Order, be an Order of Day for the next Thursday on which General Business is called on.

Human Rights Commission—Report No. 9—Queensland *Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984*—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Baume.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate, pursuant to Sessional Order, be an Order of the Day for the next Thursday on which General Business is called on.

Human Rights Commission—Report No. 10—Human Rights of Australian-born Children—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Puplick and debated.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate, pursuant to Sessional Order, be an Order of the Day for the next Thursday on which General Business is called on.

Human Rights Commission—Report No. 11—Human Rights of the Terminally Ill—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Walters and debated.

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

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

- 11 **AUSTRALIAN PIG INDUSTRY RESEARCH COMMITTEE—ANNUAL REPORT 1983-84—PAPER:** Senator Watson, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:

Australian Pig Industry Research Committee—Annual Report 1983-84.

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

- 12 **WHEAT RESEARCH ACT—ANNUAL REPORT 1983-84—PAPER:** Senator Brownhill, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:  
     Wheat Research Act—Annual Report 1983-84.  
     Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Brownhill have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 13 **FISHERIES ACT—FISHING AGREEMENTS—PAPERS:** Senator Harradine, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Papers:  
     Fisheries Act—  
         Agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and 4 companies.  
         Subsidiary Agreements between the Government of Australia and the Governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea.  
     Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Harradine have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 14 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REPORT ON UNEMPLOYED MIGRANT YOUTH AND LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMS—PAPER:** Senator Messner, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:  
     Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—Report on Unemployed Migrant Youth and Labour Market Programs.  
     Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Messner have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 15 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY—ANNUAL REPORT 1983-84—PAPER:** Senator Cook, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:  
     Australian National Gallery—Annual Report 1983-84.  
     Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Cook have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 16 **AIRLINES AGREEMENT ACT—JOINT REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS HELD DURING 1984—PAPER:** Senator Brownhill, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:  
     Airlines Agreement Act—Joint Report by Australian National Airlines Commission (TAA) and Ansett Transport Industries Limited on consultations held during 1984.  
     Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Brownhill have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 17 **AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL AUTHORITY—ANNUAL REPORT 1983-84—PAPER:** Senator Brownhill, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:  
     Australian Bicentennial Authority—Annual Report 1983-84.  
     Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Brownhill have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 18 **EXPENDITURE—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON TAXATION EXPENDITURE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER:** Senator Messner, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:  
     Expenditure—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report on Taxation Expenditure—Government Response—Ministerial Statement.  
     Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Messner have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 19 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—APRIL 1985—PAPER:** The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) tabled the following Paper:  
     Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 15 April 1985.  
     Senator Watson, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Paper.

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

- 20 **PUBLIC WORKS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—48TH GENERAL REPORT:** The Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Senator Foreman) tabled the following Report:

Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—48th General Report, for 1984.

Ordered to be printed.

Senator Foreman, by leave, made a statement relating to the Report.

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

Australian National University Act—Statute—No. 183—Parking and Traffic Amendment No. 1.

Defence Act—Determinations 1985—

No. 12—Overseas Outfit Allowance.

No. 13—Travelling Allowance and others.

No. 14—Intermediate Term Duty Living Allowance and others.

No. 15—Compensation for Loss of, or Damage to, Clothing or Personal Effects and Emergency Evacuation Overseas—Allowances and Compensation.

No. 16—Vehicle Allowance and others.

Fisheries Act—Fisheries Notices—

No. 131A—Variation of Fisheries Notice No. 131 (Prohibition relating to the taking of shrimps and prawns off Northern Australia).

No. 137—Prohibition relating to trawling in specified areas of proclaimed waters off North-Western Australia.

Health Insurance Act—Order under sub-section 6 (2), dated 26 February 1985.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement by the Minister describing land acquired by agreement under sub-section 7 (1) of the Act, for specified public purposes.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—

Department of Aboriginal Affairs—C. E. Corowa.

Department of Transport—J. M. Spierig.

Determinations 1985—Nos 17, 22.

Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determinations 1985—No. 1.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Notice of Variation of the Plan of Layout of the City of Canberra and its Environs, dated 9 April 1985.

Telecommunications Act—By-laws 1985—

Telecommunications (Staff) Amendment No. 45.

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts) Amendment No. 54.

- 22 **ESTIMATES COMMITTEES—CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP:** The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter from the Leader of the Government (Senator Button) requesting variations in the membership of Estimates Committees D and E.

The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes), by leave, moved—

(1) That Senator Sibraa be discharged from Estimates Committee E.

(2) That Senator McKiernan, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36AB, be appointed a member of Estimates Committee E.

(3) That Senators Colston and Reynolds be discharged from Estimates Committee D and E, respectively.

(4) That Senators Reynolds and Colston, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36AB, be appointed members of Estimates Committee D and E, respectively.

Question—put and passed.



23 EXTRADITION (COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985  
 EXTRADITION (FOREIGN STATES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985—

*Messages from the House of Representatives:* The following Messages from the House of Representatives were reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 27

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Act 1966'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

H. A. JENKINS,

Canberra, 28 March 1985

Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 28

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Extradition (Foreign States) Act 1966'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

H. A. JENKINS,

Canberra, 28 March 1985

Speaker

*Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together:* The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Questions with regard to the several stages for the passage through the Senate of the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

On the motion of Senator Grimes the Bills were read a first time.

Senator Grimes moved—That these Bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Messner the debate was adjourned.

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

24 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
 CORPORATION BILL 1985

AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK LEGISLATION (CONSEQUENTIAL  
 AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1985

LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985

LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1985—

*Messages from the House of Representatives:* The following Messages from the House of Representatives were reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 29

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation, and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

H. A. JENKINS,

Canberra, 28 March 1985

Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 30

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make certain amendments and enact certain transitional provisions in consequence of the enactment of the 'Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

H. A. JENKINS,

Canberra, 28 March 1985

Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 31

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

H. A. JENKINS,

Canberra, 28 March 1985

Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 32

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 28 March 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

*Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together:* The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Questions with regard to the several stages for the passage through the Senate of all or several of the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of all or several of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

On the motion of Senator Grimes the Bills were read a first time.

Senator Grimes moved—That these Bills be read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Messner the debate was adjourned.

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

- 25 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—POSTPONEMENT:** The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes) moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business, Order of the Day No. 2 (Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Cash Bidding) Amendment Bill 1985), be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 26 **ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE 1984-85—EXPLANATORY NOTES—PAPERS:** The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes) tabled the following Papers:

Estimates of Proposed Additional Expenditure 1984-85—

Explanatory notes of departments—

Aboriginal Affairs (revised)

Aviation

Community Services

Special Minister of State.

Corrigenda to explanatory notes of departments—

Defence

Local Government and Administrative Services.

- 27 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO LAWS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were reported, informing the Senate that His Excellency had, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following laws:

29 March 1985—Messages—

No. 2—

*Sugar Agreement Act 1985* (Act No. 6 of 1985)

No. 3—

*Marriage Amendment Act 1985* (Act No. 7 of 1985)

No. 4—

*Trust Recoupment Tax Act 1985* (Act No. 3 of 1985)

*Trust Recoupment Tax (Consequential Amendments) Act 1985* (Act No. 4 of 1985)

*Honey Levy Legislation Amendment Act 1985* (Act No. 5 of 1985)

No. 5—

*Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Act 1985* (Act No. 8 of 1985)



No. 6—

*Quarantine Amendment Act 1985* (Act No. 2 of 1985)

5 April 1985—Message—

No. 7—

*Trust Recoupment Tax Assessment Act 1985* (Act No. 9 of 1985)

*Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles) Amendment Act 1985* (Act No. 10 of 1985)

*International Development Association (Special Contribution) Act 1985* (Act No. 11 of 1985)

## 28 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS 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.

Senator Messner moved an amendment, viz: At the end of motion, add “, but the Senate is of the opinion that the Government’s review of the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs was a wasteful extravagance and a purely politically motivated exercise involving the unnecessary expenditure of public funds”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be added—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 30

Senators—

Archer  
Baume  
Bjelke-Petersen  
Boswell  
Brownhill  
Collard  
Durack

Guilfoyle,  
  Dame Margaret  
Hamer  
Hill  
Jessop  
Kilgariff  
Knowles  
Lajovic

Lewis  
MacGibbon  
Messner  
Missen  
Parer  
Puplick  
Reid (Teller)  
Scott

Sheil  
Short  
Teague  
Townley  
Vanstone  
Walters  
Watson  
Withers

NOES, 36

Senators—

Aulich  
Black  
Bolkus  
Button  
Childs  
Chipp  
Coates  
Colston  
Cooney

Crowley  
Devlin  
Elstob  
Evans, Jack  
Foreman  
Georges  
Giles  
Grimes  
Haines

Jones  
McClelland  
McIntosh  
McKiernan  
Macklin  
Maguire  
Mason  
Primmer  
Ray, Robert

Reynolds  
Richardson  
Robertson (Teller)  
Ryan  
Sibraa  
Tate  
Vigor  
Walsh  
Zakharov

And so it was negatived.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—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.

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Chipp) moved an amendment, viz: Page 2, clause 4, proposed new sub-paragraph 6 (1) (c) (iii), line 32, after “trade unions”, insert “, tertiary education institutions, research institutes”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be inserted—put and passed.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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

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

29 **BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENT BILL 1985**—*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 33

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Bankruptcy Act 1966'*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 16 April 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

30 **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.

*And on the amendment moved thereto by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney), viz:* That the following words be added to the Address-in-Reply "but the Senate is of the opinion that the Government's program outlined in the Governor-General's Speech fails to address critical problems facing Australia in that—

- (a) it fails to reassure the Australian people that the country's defence arrangements within the western alliance will be preserved and strengthened following:
  - (i) the Prime Minister's capitulation to internal party pressures on the issue of Australia providing logistical assistance to the United States for its testing of the MX missile, and
  - (ii) increasing uncertainty as to the future of the ANZUS Treaty fuelled by members of the Labor Government, including a Cabinet Minister;
- (b) it contains no coherent economic strategy at a time when recovery is threatened by:
  - (i) record government taxation and spending,
  - (ii) continuing pressure within the Government for new taxes on assets,
  - (iii) growing demands for higher wages and other extra cost burdens on industry,
  - (iv) the level of public debt repayments, and
  - (v) loss of value of the currency reflecting world concern about Australia's competitiveness and government instability; and
- (c) it endorses a rigid, centralised wage determining structure which imposes the same cost burdens on commerce and industry regardless of ability to pay".

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.

31 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at 11.09 p.m. till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

32 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman (on leave), Crichton-Browne and Hearn.

A. R. CUMMING THOM,  
Clerk of the Senate