

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 1985

1 MEETING OF SENATE: The Senate met at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The President (Senator the Honourable Douglas McClelland) took the Chair.

2 PRAYERS.

3 PETITIONS: The following 6 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senator Zakharov, from 54 petitioners praying that the Senate legislate to close the joint Australian-United States electronic communications facilities at the Watsonia Army Barracks, Victoria.

Senator Button, from 9 petitioners 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 Knowles, from 66 petitioners praying that the Senate pass a motion in support of the existing Australian flag.

Senators Messner and Kilgariff, from 482 and 14 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate repeal the Labor Government's iniquitous and unfair assets test.

Senator Bolkus, from 1675 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.

4 NOTICE: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs (Senator Tate) gave a Notice of Motion, as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs for inquiry and report as soon as possible: The desirability, feasibility and possible content of a national Bill of Rights for Australia.

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

Aviation—Outlook for the Aviation Industry—Information Paper by Department of Aviation, dated March 1985.

Canberra Retail Markets Trust—Annual Report 1983-84.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Annual Report 1983-84.

Housing Policy—First Home Owners Scheme—Statement by the Minister for Housing and Construction, dated 16 April 1985.

Industries Assistance Commission—Chemicals and Plastics Industries—Interim Report on End-Use Under Security By-Laws, dated 15 March 1985 (No. 361).

National Aboriginal Conference—Report of the Auditor-General on inspection and audit of accounts and financial records, dated 24 September 1984.

Statement by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Training of Skilled Workers in Denmark, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom—Report of the Australian Tripartite Mission to Study the Training of Skilled Workers in the Metal and Electrical Trades.

- 6 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes), at the request of the Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans) and 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 amend the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983* to confer additional functions on the Director, and for related purposes.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 DEFENCE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Senator Mason, 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 amend the *Defence Act 1903* to provide for Parliamentary approval of overseas service by members of the Defence Force.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

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.

- 8 TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1985**
DIVIDEND RECOUPMENT TAX BILL 1985:

Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes)—That these Bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Senator Elstob addressing the Chair—

And it being 12 noon, pursuant to Order, Questions without Notice were called on.

9 QUESTIONS.

- 10 SOIL CONSERVATION (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1985—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 36

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance in connection with projects relating to soil conservation and to establish a National Soil Conservation Program Fund, and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 17 April 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
 Speaker

Ordered—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

On the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Grimes moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Kilgarriff the debate was adjourned.

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

- 11 **BOUNTY (INJECTION-MOULDING EQUIPMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1985**—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 37

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Bounty (Injection-moulding Equipment) Act 1979', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 April 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

Ordered—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

On the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Grimes moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Kilgariff the debate was adjourned.

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

- 12 **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 1.23 p.m. till tomorrow at 9 a.m.

- 13 **ATTENDANCE**: Present, all Senators except Senators Bjelke-Petersen, Coleman (on leave), Crichton-Browne, Georges, Harradine and Walsh.

A. R. CUMMING THOM,
Clerk of the Senate