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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 124

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 1991

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1 The Assembly met at 10.30 a.m. pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Prowse) took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had lodged petitions for presentation:
Mr Collaery, Mr Duby, Mrs Grassby, Mr Moore and Mr Stefaniak from 103, 105, 100, 109 and 131 residents respectively, requesting that the Assembly reject any legislation to levy a 1 percent tax on the unimproved value of rented residential properties.
Petitions received.

3 **PAPER:** Mrs Nolan, by leave, presented the following paper:
Petition which does not conform with standing orders – Hall village agistment paddocks – Opposition to the proposal to close the two remaining paddocks (225 residents, Mrs Nolan).

4 **PUBLICATION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle –
Debate resumed.
Paper: Ms Maher, by leave, presented the following paper:
R–Rated classification and excessive violence – Copy of letter from Ms C. Maher, MLA, to The Hon. M. Duffy, MP, Attorney–General of Australia.
Debate continued.
Question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle – put.
The Assembly voted –

Ayes, 8		Noes, 9	
Mr Humphries	Mr Prowse	Mr Berry	Mrs Grassby
Mr Jensen	Mr Stefaniak	Mr Collaery	Ms Maher
Mr Kaine	Mr Stevenson	Mr Connolly	Mr Moore
Dr Kinloch		Mr Duby	Mr Wood
Mrs Nolan		Ms Follett	

And so it was negatived.

5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

6 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Environment, Land and Planning – Department – Corporate Plan 1990–91, entitled "Partners in Quality".
Interim Planning Act – Approvals of variations to the Territory Plan –
Macquarie, sections 48, 49 and 50, dated 11 September 1991.
Yarralumla, dated 17 September 1991–
Section 94, block 3 (part),
Section 102, blocks 1, 7, 8, 9 and 20,
Section 127, block 1 (part).

7 **PRIVILEGE – STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Assembly that he had received written notice from Mr Humphries of a possible breach of privilege concerning the contents of a letter received from the Deputy Chief Minister. The Speaker stated that, having considered the complaint, he was prepared to allow precedence to a motion in respect of the matter, and presented the following papers:

Privilege – Possible breach –

Letter from Mr G. Humphries, MLA, to the Speaker, dated 16 September 1991.

Copy of letter from Mr W. Berry, MLA, Deputy Chief Minister, to Mr G. Humphries, MLA, dated 12 September 1991.

Mr Berry (Deputy Chief Minister) and Mr Humphries, by leave, made statements with reference to the matter.

8 **HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTERS – MEETING – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Berry (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the joint meeting of the Health and Social Welfare Ministers held in Sydney on 6 September 1991 and presented the following paper:

Health and Social Welfare Ministers –Joint Meeting – Ministerial statement, 18 September 1991 –

and moved – That the Assembly takes note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

9 **CROWN SUITS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle –

Debate resumed.

Question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle – put and passed.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Question – That this Bill be agreed to – put and passed.

10 **SELF-GOVERNMENT (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1991:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle –

Debate resumed.

Question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle – put and passed.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Question – That this Bill be agreed to – put and passed.

11 **CRIMES (OFFENCES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle –

Debate resumed.

Question – That this Bill be agreed to in principle – put and passed.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Question – That this Bill be agreed to – put and passed.

12 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Berry (Deputy Chief Minister) moved – That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Assembly, at 4.26 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE: All Members were present at some time during the sitting.

M.J. McRAE
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly