

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 51

TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 1976

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- 1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Armitage, Dr Edwards, Mr L. R. Johnson, Dr Klugman, Mr Morris and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be maintained, advertising on the A.B.C. be rejected, public funding of the Commission be developed and any general inquiries into broadcasting be conducted publicly.
- Mr Armitage, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Morris, Mr Stewart and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the M.V. *Australian Trader* be restored to the Tasmanian service.
- Mr Armitage, Mr Fry, Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the previous Government's undertaking on the taxation of moneys due to the Thalidomide Foundation Limited be honoured.
- Mr Chipp and Mr Falconer—from certain citizens praying that further mining and export of uranium, except for bio-medical purposes, be banned and the Australian Atomic Energy Commission be transformed into an Australian Energy Commission.
- Mr Falconer and Dr Jenkins—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be strengthened and extended and be financed from general revenue.
- Dr Jenkins and Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be maintained.
- Mr Morris and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the 1976-77 Budget be re-drafted to provide for economic recovery within the guidelines laid down in the 1975-76 Budget.
- Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction)—from certain electors praying that chiropractors' fees be covered by health insurance and be tax deductible.
- Mr Chipp—from certain members of community organisations praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.
- Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that the Government remove or substantially increase the \$300 limit on income tax deductibility on personal residential land and water rates.
- Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that grants to institutions for the aged be restored.
- Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that Mr Ignazio Salemi be permitted to remain in Australia.
- Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be supported.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Newcastle, N.S.W., praying that the Government place immediate orders with the Newcastle State Dockyard and implement the plan to build a graving dock in Newcastle.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens of the Hunter Valley Region, N.S.W., praying that funds be provided for the establishment and maintenance of a Hunter Symphony Orchestra.

Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the Community Health Centre program be continued and permanent accommodation be provided for the centres.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Public Service Matters and in Women's Affairs) and Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) was acting as Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Public Service Matters and in Women's Affairs and Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) would act as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS: Mr Speaker informed the House that delegates attending the Third Australasian Parliamentary Seminar were present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Department of Education—Report for 1975.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Shipbuilding, dated 20 September 1976.

Royal Australian Air Force—List of V.I.P. flights for period 1 June to 31 August 1976, together with supplementary list for period 26 July to 17 August 1975.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

20 September 1976—Message No. 82—

Loan (No. 3) 1976.

Administrative Changes (Consequential Provisions) 1976.

Aged Persons Hostels Amendment 1976.

Foreign Takeovers Amendment 1976.

Telecommunications Amendment 1976.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SPORTING CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Fraser Government's connivance in New Zealand's sporting contacts with racially selected South African sports teams".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1976: 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 7 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 69

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| Mr Abel         | Mr Falconer | Mr MacKellar      | Mr Ruddock       |
| Mr Adermann     | Mr Goodluck | Mr MacKenzie      | Mr Sainsbury     |
| Mr Aldred       | Mr Graham   | Mr McLean         | Mr Shipton       |
| Mr Baillieu     | Mr Groom    | Mr McLeay         | Mr Short         |
| Mr Baume        | Mr Hamer    | Mr W. McMahon     | Mr Simon         |
| Mr Birney       | Mr Haslem   | Mr McVeigh        | Mr Sinclair      |
| Mr Bonnett      | Mr Hodges   | Mr Macphee        | Mr Staley        |
| Mr Bouchier     | Mr Hodgman  | Mr Martyr         | Mr Sullivan      |
| Mr Bradfield    | Mr Howard   | Mr Millar         | Mr Thomson       |
| Mr Braithwaite  | Mr Hyde     | Mr Moore          | Mr Viner         |
| Mr Cadman       | Mr Jarman   | Mr Neil           | Mr Wentworth     |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Jull     | Mr Newman         | Mr Wilson        |
| Mr Carige       | Mr Katter   | Mr Nixon          | Mr Yates         |
| Mr Chapman      | Mr Killen   | Mr O'Keefe        |                  |
| Mr Cotter       | Mr King     | Mr Porter         |                  |
| Mr Dobie        | Mr Lucock   | Dr Richardson     | <i>Tellers:</i>  |
| Dr Edwards      | Mr Lusher   | Mr E. L. Robinson | Mr D. M. Cameron |
| Mr Ellicott     | Mr Lynch    | Mr I. L. Robinson | Mr Fisher        |

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| Mr Armitage     | Mr Garrick | Dr Klugman       | Mr Willis        |
| Mr Beazley      | Mr Hurford | Mr J. L. McMahon |                  |
| Mr Bowen        | Mr Jacobi  | Mr Morris        |                  |
| Dr J. F. Cairns | Dr Jenkins | Mr Uren          | <i>Tellers:</i>  |
| Dr Cass         | Mr Jones   | Mr Wallis        | Mr L. K. Johnson |
| Mr Connor       | Mr Keating | Mr A. P. Whitlam | Mr L. R. Johnson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10 PAPER: Mr Deputy Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1975–76.

11 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1976–77—BUDGET DEBATE: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House condemns the Budget because—

- (a) it pursues a policy of unemployment as a weapon to reduce real wages and salaries;
- (b) it abdicates federal government responsibilities and forces the State governments and local governments either to reduce their services or institute additional charges, or both;
- (c) it introduces an additional tax in the form of the Medibank levy, thus further reducing consumer spending;

- (d) it reduces the availability of services to the whole community but particularly to those most vulnerable to hardship, notably Aborigines, the unemployed and migrants, and
- (e) it fails to institute selective stimulatory expenditure to reduce unemployment and restore consumer confidence”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Wilson addressing the House—

*Adjournment negatived:* It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Wilson continued his speech.

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

12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 September 1976, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1) of the Act.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1976—

No. 413—Australian Workers' Union and Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

No. 416—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 427—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 428—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 429—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.

No. 430—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†

No. 431—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.

No. 432—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division and Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 433—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 434—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

No. 435—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 436—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

No. 437—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 438—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

No. 439—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 440—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 441—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

No. 442—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

- No. 443—Australian Journalists Association.  
 No. 444—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 445—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.  
 No. 446—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†  
 No. 447—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.  
 Nos. 448 and 449—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association and another.  
 No. 450—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†  
 No. 451—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 452—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.  
 No. 453—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 454—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service and another.  
 No. 455—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†  
 Nos. 456 to 459—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.†  
 No. 460—Professional Para-Medical Officers Association (Commonwealth Public Service).  
 No. 461—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 462—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.  
 No. 463—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.  
 No. 464—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.  
 No. 465—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.  
 No. 466—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.  
 No. 467—Commonwealth Medical Officers Association.  
 No. 468—Repatriation Department Medical Officers Association.  
 No. 469—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 470—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.  
 No. 471—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and others.  
 No. 472—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.  
 No. 473—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.  
 No. 474—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
 No. 475—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.  
 No. 476—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
 No. 477—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
 († Not accompanied by statement)

Ship Construction Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brown, Mr Bungey, Mr Burr, Mr Calder, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Chipp, Mr Cohen\*, Mr Connolly, Mr Corbett\*, Mr Drummond, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Fry, Mr Innes, Mr James, Mr P. F. Johnson, Mr Martin, Mr Nicholls\*, Mr Peacock, Mr Scholes and Mr Street.

\* On leave

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N. J. PARKES,  
 Clerk of the House of Representatives