

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 57

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 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.:

Dr Cass, Mr L. R. Johnson, 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 J. L. McMahon, Mr Morris and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the M.V. *Australian Trader* be restored to the Tasmanian service.

Mr Lynch (Treasurer) and Mr Staley (Minister for the Capital Territory)—from certain electors praying that chiropractors' fees be covered by health insurance and be tax deductible.

Dr Cass and Mr Garrick—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be maintained.

Mr Garrick and Dr Jenkins—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be strengthened and extended and be financed from general revenue.

Mr W. McMahon and Mr Wentworth—from certain citizens praying that the freeze on European claims to unalienated Crown lands of the Northern Territory be extended and the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976 be amended.

Mr Aldred—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Dr Cass—from certain citizens praying that the Community Mental Health Program be continued in Victoria.

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 Innes—from certain citizens praying that Mr Ignazio Salemi be permitted to remain in Australia.

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the decision to curtail the home mortgage interest tax deduction scheme be reconsidered and the benefits be upgraded by indexation.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the previous Government's undertaking on the taxation of moneys due to the Thalidomide Foundation Limited be honoured.

Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that education expenditure be increased and student tertiary allowances be raised and indexed quarterly.

Mr Morris—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 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.

Petitions received.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence of Mr Anthony (Minister for National Resources and Minister for Overseas Trade), Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport) would represent him in the House.

Mr Fraser also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- 4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that he accepted the notice of motion as a motion of want of confidence in the Government for the purposes of standing order 110.

Mr Fraser, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr E. G. Whitlam moving forthwith the motion of want of confidence in the Government of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 5 WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House expresses its want of confidence in the Fraser Government because it cannot pursue and express a coherent and principled foreign policy.

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*Distinguished visitors:* Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, led by Mr Rudi Kolak, Vice-President of the Assembly, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

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Debate ensued.

*Paper:* Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) during his speech, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Minister for Foreign Affairs—Note of speeches, travel and activities.

*Closure:* Mr Sinclair moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

## The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 83

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

NOES, 30

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr E. G. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Cohen	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr Nicholls
Mr Connor	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 32

Mr Armitage	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr E. G. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
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Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Gillard	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett

And so it was negated.

## 6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

National Highways—Standards for construction and maintenance—Report by Commonwealth Bureau of Roads, dated 1975.

Science facilities in independent secondary schools—Final report of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Standards for Science Facilities in Independent Secondary Schools, dated 1976.

Pursuant to statute:

Dairy Adjustment Act—Dairy Adjustment Programs—Further Agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and—

Victoria, dated 31 August 1976.

Western Australia, dated 1 September 1976.

## 7 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRADE WITH UNITED STATES:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Keating, Mr Hodgman and Mr Martyr had each proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Keating, namely, "The Government's failure to establish a definite trade relationship with the Government of the United States and the limiting effect of this failure upon access to the United States domestic market for Australian beef".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Keating rising to address the House—

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Snedden, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 82

Mr Abel	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Mr Falconer	Mr Kelly	Dr Richardson
Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bonnett	Mr Gillard	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bouchier	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
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Mr Braithwaite	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Carige	Mr Holten	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
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Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## 8 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 22 (1976): Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 22 (1976).

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

9 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—W.R.A.A.C. ACCOMMODATION, PUCKAPUNYAL, VIC.—RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), pursuant to notice given on 5 October 1976, moved—That the resolution of the House of Representatives of 3 June 1976 referring the construction of sleeping accommodation for 80 Women's Royal Australian Army Corps personnel at Puckapunyal, Vic., to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be rescinded.

Question—put and passed.

10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1976-77: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industry, \$52,827,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport, \$254,721,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education, \$380,005,000—debated.

Mr Jarman addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negatived:* The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Mr Jarman continued his speech.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 October 1976, pursuant to statute:

Airports (Surface Traffic) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 223.

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

Navigation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 224.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Aboriginal Affairs—N. C. Harris.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinance—1976—No. 48—Remand Centres.  
Regulations—1976—

No. 16 (Companies Ordinance).

No. 17 (Remand Centres Ordinance).

No. 18 (Health Commission Ordinance).

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-  
laws—Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amend-  
ment No. 5.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 222.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except  
Mr Anthony, Mr Brown\*, Mr Bungey\*, Mr C. R. Cameron\*, Mr Chipp\*, Mr Fitz-  
Patrick\*, Mr Fry\*, Mr Martin\*, Mr Peacock and Mr Simon.

\* On leave

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