

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 60

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1976

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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore, Dr Yeoh Ghim Seng, accompanied by the Senior Minister of State for Communications, Mr Ong Teng Cheong, M.P., and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Mr Ahmad Mattar, M.P., was present in the gallery.

Mr Speaker also informed the House that Mr Enrique Penalosa, Secretary-General of the United Nations Habitat Conference, was present in the gallery.

On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.

3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Bryant, 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 Bryant, Mr Garrick and 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 Morris and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the M.V. *Australian Trader* be restored to the Tasmanian service.

Mr Anthony (Minister for National Resources)—from certain electors praying that chiropractors' fees be covered by health insurance and be tax deductible.

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

Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport)—from certain citizens praying that the Community Health Centre program be continued and permanent accommodation be provided for the centres.

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 Garrick—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be maintained.

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

Mr Garrick—from certain citizens praying that social security payments be adjusted instantly and automatically with increases in the Consumer Price Index and certain other benefits be adjusted.

Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that the proposed income equalisation deposit scheme be restricted to genuine primary producers.

Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that a minimum farm gate price of 65c per pound for butter fat be underwritten.

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

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 Katter—from certain electors of the Division of Kennedy praying that the Australian Broadcasting Control Board be required to provide the electorate of Kennedy with a television service where it is not now provided.

Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of television and radio licence fees, the imposition of a tax levy for Medibank and the introduction of higher charges for drugs dispensed under the pharmaceutical benefits scheme be prevented.

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.

4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the continued absence through indisposition of Mr Anthony (Minister for National Resources and Minister for Overseas Trade), Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport) would act as Minister for National Resources and Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) would act as Minister for Overseas Trade.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

6 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Health transport policies for Australia—Report by Hospitals and Health Services Commission, dated April 1976.

7 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Question—put and passed.

8 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Hodges (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation:

Second report—Trafficking in fauna in Australia.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Hodges and Dr Jenkins, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC RECOVERY: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hurford had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's admission through the Treasurer's 'Financial Times' speech last week that it has caused an unnecessary postponement in economic recovery".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hurford addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Science, \$167,694,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Postal and Telecommunications Department, \$151,294,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$54,617,000—debated.

Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) addressing the committee—

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

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

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

Mr Ellicott requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis	Mr James
Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. K. Johnson

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

And so it was negatived.

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

*In the committee*

Mr Ellicott continued his speech.

Mr Bowen rising to address the committee—

*Closure:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Abel	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Aldred	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Baume	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Birney	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
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Mr Burr	Mr Hodges	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett
Mr Dobie	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	

NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Garrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Hayden	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

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

11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.10 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 October 1976, pursuant to statute:

Apple and Pear Stabilization Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 226.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—G. K. Abram.

Export Market Development Grants Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 228.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 225.

National Health Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 227.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 229.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Brown\*, Mr C. R. Cameron\*, Mr Carige, Mr Chipp\*, Mr Fisher, Mr FitzPatrick\*, Mr Martin\*, Mr Nicholls and Dr Richardson.

\* On leave

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives