

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 1977

1 The House met, at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR:** Mr Speaker informed the House that His Royal Highness Prince Fatafehi Tu'ipelehake, K.B.E., Prime Minister of Tonga, was within the precincts. With the concurrence of Members, the distinguished visitor was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Armitage, Mr Bradfield, Mr Connolly, Mr Dobie, Mr Fife, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr James, Mr Keating, Mr Lucock, Mr MacKenzie, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr W. McMahon, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Sainsbury and Mr E. G. Whitlam—from certain members of the Service Station Association of N.S.W. Ltd and others praying that in implementing the findings of the Royal Commission on Petroleum the needs of the motoring public and the retail petroleum industry be given every consideration.

Mr Braithwaite, Mr Carige, Mr Katter, Mr Kelly and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that the Government's long-term policy be to provide 50 per cent of funds for roads.

Mr Bradfield and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Commonwealth Bureau of Roads for the funding of local roads in New South Wales be adopted.

Mr Bouchier—from certain citizens praying that attempts to establish casinos in Canberra and at international airports be rejected.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the zone allowance provisions in the Income Tax Assessment Act be varied.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that an Australian Broadcasting Commission television service be established at Moranbah, Qld.

Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that any legislation to extend the power to compulsorily retire Australian Government employees be rejected unless it has the approval of staff representatives.

Mr Street—from certain citizens praying that the Government totally finance national highways and provide half the cost of all other public roads.

Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that increases in the Consumer Price Index be applied to pensions and that future pensions not be reduced as a result of any revision of the Index.

Petitions received.

4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Scholes, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations)—

Mr Street laid upon the Table the following paper:

Trade union training—Inquiry—News release, dated 30 March 1977, by Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations).

Questions without notice continued.

*Paper:* Mr Anthony (Minister for National Resources), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Uranium enrichment—Second interim report of the Uranium Enrichment Committee, Trade and Development Division, Premier's Department, South Australia, dated February 1976.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Australian Education Council—Report on meeting held at Hobart, 10–11 February 1977.

Her Majesty The Queen—Message to the Australian people, dated 30 March 1977.

Royal Australian Air Force—No. 34 Squadron—Schedule of special flights for period 1 September 1976 to 28 February 1977.

- 6 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

30 March 1977—Message—

No. 6—Defence Amendment (No. 2) 1977.

No. 7—Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) 1977.

- 7 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 19 April next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

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

4th Report—Management of Ayers Rock-Mt Olga National Park.

Ordered to be printed.

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

- 10 AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT BOUNTY BILL 1977: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of certain Automatic Data Processing Equipment.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 BED SHEETING BOUNTY BILL 1977: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of certain Bed Sheeting.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 12 AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS BOUNTY AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act 1966*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 NEW ZEALAND RE-EXPORTS (REPEAL) BILL 1977: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *New Zealand Re-exports Act 1924*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Insurance Act 1973*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 LIFE INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Act 1945*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ANTARCTIC DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND REGIONAL ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, KINGSTON, TAS.: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of proposed new complex for the Antarctic Division Headquarters and for the Hobart Regional Laboratory of the Australian Government Analytical Laboratories, Kingston, Tas.  
Mr McLeay presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 17 AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AGENCY (REPEAL) BILL 1977: 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Dobie), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 18 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904* and for other purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Street moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

19 AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AGENCY (REPEAL) BILL 1977: 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.

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

AYES, 66

Mr Abel	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Bradfield	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Sullivan
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hodges	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Thomson
Mr Brown	Mr Hodgman	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Holten	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	
Mr Chapman	Mr Jull	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett

NOES, 30

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Bryant addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 70

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bonnett	Mr Gillard	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bouchier	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Street
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
Mr Brown	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Hodges	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 30

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

31 March 1977—Message No. 8—Law Courts (Sydney) 1977.

21 URANIUM EXPORTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE: Mr Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), pursuant to notice, moved—That the House take note of the ministerial statement relating to uranium exports made by the Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development on 11 November 1976.

Dr Cass moved—That Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Bouchier moved—That Mr Hamer be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 66

Mr Abel	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Adermann	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Gillard	Mr Luccock	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lynch	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hamer	Mr McLean	Mr Shipton
Mr Brown	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Hodges	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hyde	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Moore	
Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Hamer continuing his speech—

*Closure of Member moved:* Mr Scholes moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Garrick	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

NOES, 74

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

And so it was negatived.

Mr Innes rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) 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, 73

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

NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr James
Mr Garrick	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- 22 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Mr Bryant addressing the House—

*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, 73

Mr Abel	Dr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock
Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Gillard	Mr Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Millar	
Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Moore	
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

Noes, 26

Mr Armitage	Mr Garrick	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- 23 IMMIGRATION POLICIES AND AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Staley (Minister for the Capital Territory)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 17 March 1977*), viz.:

Immigration policies and Australia's population—Report by the Australian Population and Immigration Council—

Report.

Ministerial statement, 17 March 1977—

Debate resumed.

- 24 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11.01 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 19 April next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Falconer, Mr Garland, Dr Klugman, Mr Nicholls and Mr Short.

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J. A. PETTIFER,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives