

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 1977

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 Bradfield, Mr Cadman and Mr Sinclair—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 Bradfield, Mr Lynch and Mr I. L. Robinson—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.

Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr MacKellar and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be maintained and certain other action be taken in connection with the A.B.C. and broadcasting.

Dr J. F. Cairns and Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to end commercial whaling.

Mr Fry—from certain electors of the Division of Fraser praying that the staffing level of salaried medical practitioners be restored at Kippax and other A.C.T. health centres.

Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that government support for the handicapped be increased.

Mr Giles—from certain citizens praying that the Government's long-term policy be to provide 50 per cent of funds for roads.

Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying for the implementation of the recommendations of the Nimmo Report which relate to assistance for air passengers travelling to and from King Island.

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

Dr Jenkins—from certain citizens praying that the Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill 1977 be withdrawn.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes not be introduced.

Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that education expenditure be increased and certain other action be taken in connection with student assistance.

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

Petitions received.

## 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Papers:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented the following papers:

Copy of unaddressed letter from Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition).  
Extract from the *Australian* of 21 April 1977 headed "Chinese join U.S. in fuel economy drive".

Questions without notice continued.

*Papers:* Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented the following papers:

Victorian petrol tanker drivers strike—Copies of telex messages from—Mr Hamer, Premier of Victoria, to the Prime Minister, dated 26 April 1977.  
Prime Minister to Mr Hamer, dated 24 and 25 April 1977.

Questions without notice continued.

## 4 PAPER—LEAVE TO PRESENT NOT GRANTED: Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to present a paper.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Scholes moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a statement of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition being tabled and incorporated in *Hansard*.

Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 79

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

## NOES, 32

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	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 Hayden rising to address 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)—

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—  
being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
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Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
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And so it was negatived.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator:

Australian Forestry Council—15th meeting, Adelaide, 10 September 1976—  
Summary of resolutions and recommendations.

Department of Construction—1st Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

Price and wage increases—3 month pause—Copies of telex messages—

From Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) to—

Mr Dunstan, Premier of South Australia, Mr Hamer, Premier of Victoria,  
Mr Neilson, Premier of Tasmania, Mr Wran, Premier of New South Wales  
(2), dated 21 April 1977.

Premiers, dated 25 April 1977.

To Mr Fraser from—

Mr Bjelke-Petersen, Premier of Queensland, dated 26 April 1977.

Sir Charles Court, Premier of Western Australia, dated 21 and 25 April 1977.

Mr Dunstan, dated 20 and 26 April 1977.

Mr Hamer, dated 21 April 1977 (Also addressed to other Premiers).

Mr Neilson, dated 21 April 1977.

Mr Wran (2), dated 21 April 1977.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMY—PROPOSED NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Willis, Mr K. M. Cairns and Mr Ruddock 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 Willis, namely, "The Fraser Government's failure to respond positively to the call for a national conference sought by peak union councils, most State Governments and employer organisations, and commended by the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Willis addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 INSURANCE AMENDMENT 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*New clause—*

Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

" 34A. Section 124 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after Evidence and judicial notice.  
sub-section (1) the following sub-section:—

' (1A) In proceedings in any court, a certificate under the hand of  
the Commissioner that a requirement of this Act specified in the certificate—

(a) had or had not been complied with at a date or within a period specified in  
the certificate; or

(b) has been complied with upon a date specified in the certificate, but not before  
that date,

is *prima facie* evidence of the matters specified in the certificate.' "

Debate ensued.

Dr Jenkins addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Viner, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9 LIFE INSURANCE AMENDMENT 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—Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

10 TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION 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 by Mr Bowen who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House is of opinion that:

- (a) the disadvantaged position of technical education in Australia be recognised and that adequate financial resources be made available to the technical sector to raise its standards to levels envisaged in the Kangan Report;
- (b) further measures be taken to ensure that technical education in Australia is not further isolated from secondary education, and
- (c) every effort be made to ensure full provision for the development of further education”.

Debate continued.

11 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 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 26 April 1977, pursuant to statute:

Christmas Island Act—Ordinances—1977—

No. 4—Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement).

No. 5—Ordinances Revision.

Naval Defence Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 46.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 47.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Birney, Mr Connor, Mr Groom, Mr Hyde, Mr Nicholls\* and Mr Simon.

\*On leave

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