

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 17

WEDNESDAY, 27 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 Bouchier, Mr Bradfield, Mr Falconer, Dr Klugman 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 Bradfield and Mr Morris—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—from certain citizens praying that private clinics be prevented from performing abortions in the A.C.T. and that abortions not be financed through Medibank.

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

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

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

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MIGRANT LANGUAGES—TEACHING: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr K. M. Cairns had 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 E. G. Whitlam, namely, "The Fraser Government's inaction on the teaching of migrant languages in schools".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

5 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bowen, viz.*—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 resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Fisher), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

6 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 11 (1977): Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 11 (1977).

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

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Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

8 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition speaking on a matter raised during a personal explanation by the Prime Minister, and for the same time.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

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

NOES, 30

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Question—put.

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Young 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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And so it was negatived.

- 10 TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION BILL 1977: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr Bowen moved the following amendment: Page 6, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:

“(5) The Commission shall furnish an annual report to the Minister who shall, as soon as practicable, cause such report to be laid before each House of the Parliament.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 36, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 37—

Mr Bowen moved the following amendment: Page 14, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:

“(6) Each Council shall furnish an annual report to the Minister who shall, as soon as practicable, cause such report to be laid before each House of the Parliament.”

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 COMMONWEALTH TEACHING SERVICE 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.

On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **NEW ZEALAND RE-EXPORTS (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 and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **STATES GRANTS (DWELLINGS FOR PENSIONERS) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 11, dated 20 April 1977, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 Mr Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 14 **APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1976–77:** 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 adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **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 Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 April 1977, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired for telephone purposes—Buckleboo, S.A.

Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

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

* On leave

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