

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

TUESDAY, 3 MAY 1977

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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 DEATHS OF FORMER SENATOR AND MEMBER (MR A. O. BADMAN) AND FORMER SENATOR (MR A. HENDRICKSON): Mr Speaker informed the House of the deaths of:
    - Mr Albert Oliver Badman, on 24 April 1977, a Senator for the State of South Australia from 1932 to 1937 and a Member of this House for the Division of Grey from 1937 to 1943, and
    - Mr Albion Hendrickson, on 28 April 1977, a Senator for the State of Victoria from 1947 to 1971.As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
  - 3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
    - Mr Armitage, Mr Falconer, Dr Jenkins, Dr Klugman, Mr J. L. McMahan 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 Baillieu—from certain citizens praying that laws relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals be enforced and R.S.P.C.A. inspections be mandatory when wild donkeys are transported.
    - 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 Chapman—from certain citizens praying that the mining of uranium be restricted to that needed for physical research and medical purposes.
    - Mr Goodluck—from certain members of Parents Without Partners (Australia) Inc. and others praying that lone fathers receive a pension on the same basis as supporting mothers.
    - Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to end commercial whaling.
    - Mr Innes—from certain electors praying that Chileans in Australia not be deported.
    - Mr Innes—from certain citizens and residents from overseas praying that political asylum be granted to Mr Hishamuddin Rais.
    - Dr Klugman—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 Morris—from certain citizens praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes not be introduced.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented the following paper:

Timor—Cable from Mr L. Corkery, Australian High Commissioner in Singapore, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, dated 2 May 1977.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Document published in the *Canberra Times* of 3 May 1977—Memorandum from Mr J. Ridley to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Questions without notice continued.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Administrator:

Transport (Planning and Research) Act 1974—Progress to 30 June 1976—Report by Department of Transport, dated April 1977—

Volume 1—Introduction, program elements, shared programs and program for N.S.W.

Volume 2—Programs for Vic. and Qld.

Volume 3—Programs for S.A., W.A. and Tas.

Pursuant to statute:

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Australian Wine Board—48th Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

6 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker (Joint Chairman) presented the following papers:

New and Permanent Parliament House—Joint Standing Committee—

1st Report, dated 30 March 1977—New and Permanent Parliament House, Canberra.

Minutes of proceedings—

29th Parliament.

30th Parliament (1st to 4th meetings).

Mr Speaker made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having delivered to the Clerk a notice of a motion of want of confidence in the Minister for Foreign Affairs which he proposed to move at the next sitting and the notice having been reported to the House—

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion of which notice has been given by the Leader of the Opposition being moved forthwith.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

8 MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House expresses its want of confidence in the Minister for Foreign Affairs for deceiving the House and the Australian people about his policy on East Timor and for misleading the House on 31 March 1977 about his meeting at Bali in September 1975 with senior Indonesian officials.

Debate ensued.

Mr Hayden 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 and passed.

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

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

And so it was negatived.

- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BRISBANE AIRPORT: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr K. M. Cairns had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The growing inadequacy of Brisbane airport".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr K. M. Cairns addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 12 AND 13 (1977): Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 12 and 13 (1977).

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

- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 12 HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), for Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Housing Loans Insurance Act 1965*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Uren—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 13 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hurford, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not denying the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that (a) the slashing of government spending is part of an inept economic strategy which has led to a decline in the standard of living of all Australians, and (b) there is an urgent need for alternative policies of promoting a consumer led recovery by cuts in indirect taxes and appropriate stimulatory expenditure on job creation and manpower training programs,

all done in a context of not increasing inflation by (i) phasing out the more extravagant business tax concessions, (ii) increasing the money supply but not beyond the rate of inflation plus growth, and (iii) instituting a more vigorous bond-selling program”—  
Debate resumed.

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

- 14 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Trade Practices.

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.

- 15 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hurford, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not denying the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that (a) the slashing of government spending is part of an inept economic strategy which has led to a decline in the standard of living of all Australians, and (b) there is an urgent need for alternative policies of promoting a consumer led recovery by cuts in indirect taxes and appropriate stimulatory expenditure on job creation and manpower training programs, all done in a context of not increasing inflation by (i) phasing out the more extravagant business tax concessions, (ii) increasing the money supply but not beyond the rate of inflation plus growth, and (iii) instituting a more vigorous bond-selling program”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION 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—

*Statement by Minister:* Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), by leave, made a statement relating to the receipt of submissions on the Bill.

Debate resumed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.30 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 May 1977, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—R. H. Sharpe.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 50.

Export Market Development Grants Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 52.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Defence purposes—Myambat, N.S.W.

Water supply purposes—Queanbeyan, N.S.W.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 51.

Postal Services Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 53.

Poultry Industry Levy Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 54.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1977—

No. 6—Canberra Commercial Development Authority (Amendment).

No. 7—Canberra College of Advanced Education (Leases).

No. 8—Water Rates (Amendment).

No. 9—Sewerage Rates (Amendment).

No. 10—Nurses Registration (Amendment).

Regulations—1977—

Nos. 6 and 7 (Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance).

No. 8 (Building and Services Ordinance).

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Baillieu, Mr Bryant, Mr Hunt, Mr Hyde, Mr Nicholls\*, Dr Richardson, Mr Ruddock and Mr Simon.

\* On leave

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