

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 20

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 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 Cohen, Mr L. K. Johnson 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 Cohen—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 Chipp and Mr L. K. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that any legislation to extend the power to retire compulsorily Australian Government employees be rejected unless it has the approval of staff representatives.

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 Cohen—from certain citizens praying that Australian Government support for the Australian Assistance Plan be continued.

Mr Garrick—from certain citizens praying that a referendum be held on the question of the mining and export of uranium.

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 citizens and residents from overseas praying that political asylum be granted to Mr Hishamuddin Rais.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the House call on Sir John Kerr to resign as Governor-General.

Mr Peacock—from an elector of the Division of Kooyong praying that the Income Tax Assessment Act be amended and certain other action be taken in connection with taxation matters.

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

Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Eyre Peninsula, S.A., praying that an automatic telephone service be introduced to the township and district of Port Neill, S.A.

Petitions received.

3 NOTICES OF MOTION—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement regarding the form in which notices of motion should be given.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need for Parliamentary scrutiny of foreign intelligence services in Australia”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 6 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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*

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 2, line 29, omit “whether before or after the commencement of this section”, substitute “on or after 21 April 1977”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Viner, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Clause 18—

Page 16, line 8, omit “6,”.

Page 16, omit sub-clause (4), substitute the following sub-clause:

“(4) The amendment made by section 6 does not apply in relation to a change in ownership or interests that occurred before 21 April 1977.”.

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed; Mr Lucock 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.

- 7 INCOME TAX (COMPANIES AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) 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 Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 8 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—12TH REPORT: Mr Hodges (Chairman) presented the 12th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

12TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Australian Science and Technology Council—Future arrangements—Report of Interim Australian Science and Technology Council, dated November 1976.

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

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Australian olive industry, dated 3 December 1976.

Monochrome television receivers and certain electronic components, dated 26 November 1976.

Occupational superannuation in Australia—Final Report of National Superannuation Committee of Inquiry—Part 2, dated March 1977.

Prices Justification Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—Report on price increases for period 1 July to 31 December 1976.

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

J. C. HODGES

Chairman

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Mr Hodges, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

9 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS 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.

Mr Jull addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 May 1977, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of land reserved at—

Alice Springs, N.T.

Pine Creek, N.T.

Ordinances—1977—

No. 10—Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges).

No. 11—Public Service.

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

\* On leave

J. A. PETTIFER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives